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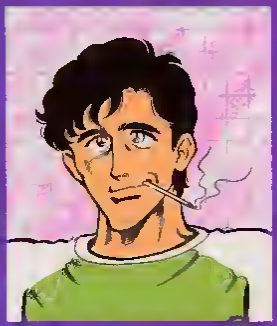

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K、宿命の炎がお前を呼んでいる!!

Kが依頼された恐るべき仕事、それは無敵兵士の製造だった! 医師として、人間として拒絶するKだったが、謎の男Tによって無敵兵士は誕生してしまう。改造され、人の心を失くしてゆく兵士たち……。邪道の医学を許すなK! 正義の医学を見せてやれ!!

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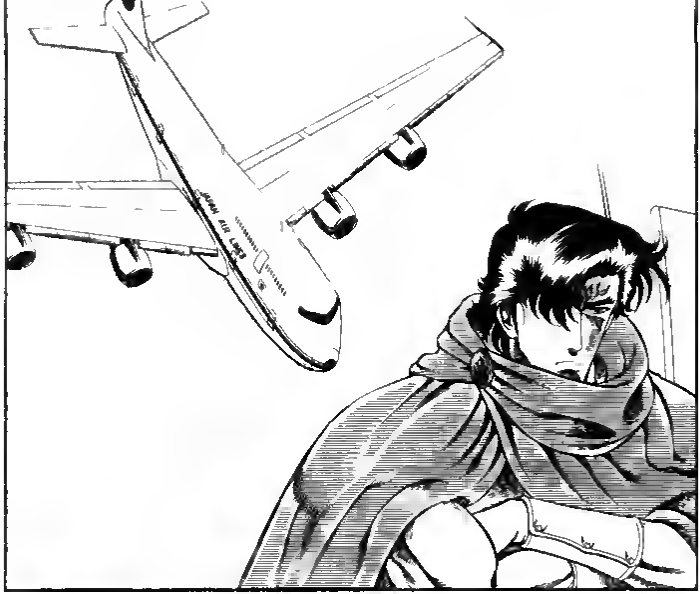

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DON'T MAKE A SOUND.
チャキ

DOCTOR K, I PRESUME...?
!?

IS THIS A HIJACK-ING?
NO. WE'RE ONLY HERE FOR YOU

YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH US.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE FOR THE OTHER PASSENGERS,
WELCOME TO THE KINGDOM OF QASAR!!

I APOLOGIZE FOR YOUR UNCIVIL TREAT-MENT.
LET ME TAKE OFF YOUR HANDCUFFS
DOCTOR K!!
BUT WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO CHOICE BUT TO SEEK YOUR HELP...
MY HELP?
THE KINGDOM OF QASAR ISN'T EXACTLY A HOUSEHOLD NAME, IS IT...
AND WITH GOOD REASON IT'S A SMALL COUNTRY WITH A POPULATION OF ONLY A COUPLE THOUSAND
BUT THERE IS A CIVIL WAR OCCURRING IN OUR COUNTRY!

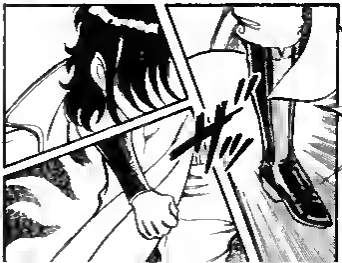
IT WAS ORIGINALLY CAUSED BY THE FACT THAT I HAVE NO HEIR TO MY THRONE,
BUT NOW THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN SPLIT IN TWO, AND THE TURMOIL CONTINUES...
BUT THE ROYAL FORCES CANNOT BE PERMITTED TO LOSE!
OUR FORCES ARE EQUAL IN THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS AND THE QUANTITY OF WEAPONS.
WHICH MEANS OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO INCREASE THE QUALITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL SOLDIER!
THEREFORE, WE HAVE DECIDED TO SUMMON AN OUTSTANDING PHYSICIAN AS OUR MILITARY SURGEON!
?
!?
DOCTOR K!! I WANT YOU TO PRODUCE THE ULTIMATE INVINCIBLE SOLDIER!
I HAVE HEARD THAT YOUR SURGICAL SKILLS ARE NOTHING SHORT OF ASTOUNDING!
I WANT YOU TO USE THAT SKILL TO TURN ORDINARY PEOPLE INTO KILLING MACHINES!
YOU WANT ME TO REMODEL HUMAN BEINGS?
EXACTLY!!

MEN WHO OVERFLOW WITH THE DESIRE TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY, AND DO NOT FEAR DEATH!!
INVINCIBLE SOLDIERS! MEN WHO DO NOT DIE!!
IF YOU CAN CREATE SUCH SOLDIERS, THEY CAN BECOME AN OVERWHELMING FORCE THAT WILL BRING THIS CIVIL WAR TO A CLOSE!

I DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION OF REMODELLING HUMAN BEINGS!!
AND EVEN IF IT WERE POSSIBLE.

!?
DO YOU EVEN REALIZE WHAT NONSENSE IS COMING OUT OF YOUR MOUTH?

CLEARLY THAT'S TOO RIDICULOUS TO BE POSSIBLE!
YOU WANT ME TO CHANGE PEOPLE INTO MACHINES?


I CAN DO IT!!

I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF EAVESDROPPING ON YOUR CONVERSATION...
!?
WHO IS HE...?
OHHH.. DID YOU JUST SAY YOU CAN DO IT!? DID YOU!?
YES, AND I CAN TAKE THIS JOB, DEPENDING ON THE CONDITIONS...
SAY WHAT YOU WILL.
HMPF
BEING COMPLICIT IN WAR MEANS SELLING YOUR SOUL TO THE DEVIL.
YOU KNOW...
T-THEN I GUARANTEE YOU THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF LIFE WHILE YOU LIVE HERE!!

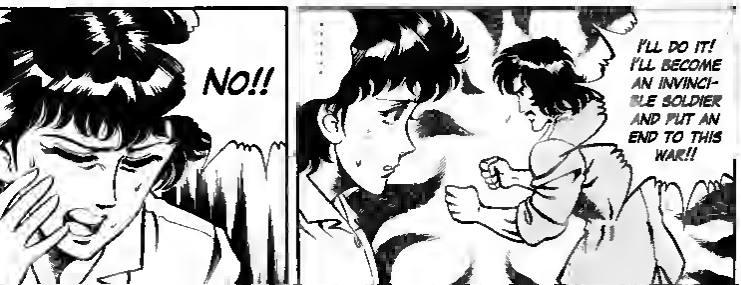
YOUR HIGHNESS, MY NAME IS TETSU!!
I WILL TAKE THE JOB...
OF PRODUCING YOUR INVINCIBLE SOLDIERS!!
TE-TSU ...
YOU NOW KNOW ABOUT OUR INVINCIBLE SOLDIER PRODUCTION PLAN
WE CAN'T LET YOU ROAM FREE ANYMORE.
DOCTOR K...
ガシャーン
!!
SATOKI!!
I'LL TEND TO YOUR NEEDS FROM HERE ON.
MY NAME IS SATOKI

HEY, NOW. I HAVEN'T GONE TO WAR YET.
BUT I HEARD YOU WERE GIVEN A SPECIAL MISSION.
I WAS ONLY ESCORTING HIM HERE.
SILKI ....!!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE SAFE!!
WE SENT FOR HIM TO SERVE AS OUR MILITARY SURGEON, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, HE DECLINED OUR OFFER.
THIS IS DOCTOR K HE'S A WORLD-CLASS PHYSICIAN
THIS IS MY FIANCÉE...
SILKI!
THEN SURELY YOU UNDERSTAND ME.
IF YOU'RE AN ARMY NURSE,
AS AN ARMY NURSE
I SERVE IN A FIELD HOSPITAL

A MILITARY SURGEON HAS TO TREAT SOLDIERS INJURED IN BATTLE LIKE THEY WERE ON AN ASSEMBLY LINE.
BUT NO MATTER HOW MANY HE HEALS, THE WOUNDED KEEP COMING IN.
WAR IS A KILLING GROUND. NOTHING GOOD CAN COME OF IT.
I DO NOT INTEND TO AID AND ABET AN ACT OF MURDER...!!
AND EVEN WHEN THEY MAKE A RE-COVERY..
THEY'RE SENT BACK INTO BATTLE.
DOCTOR...
...
I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS.
I HEREBY ORDER YOU TO UNDERGO SURGERY AND BECOME THE FIRST INVINCIBLE SOLDIER!!
!! THE MILITARY SUPREME ADVISER ...!!
IS THERE A SATOKI HERE!?

I COULD NOT ASK FOR MORE!!
HIS HIGHNESS PERSONALLY REQUESTED YOU
YOU'RE A YOUNG MAN OVERFLOWING WITH JUSTICE...
ME!?
...
...

I'VE BEEN CHOSEN BY HIS HIGHNESS.. THERE'S NO GREATER HONOR THAN THIS!!
I DID IT, SILKI!!
REPORT TO DOCTOR T FOR SURGERY AT ONCE!
...

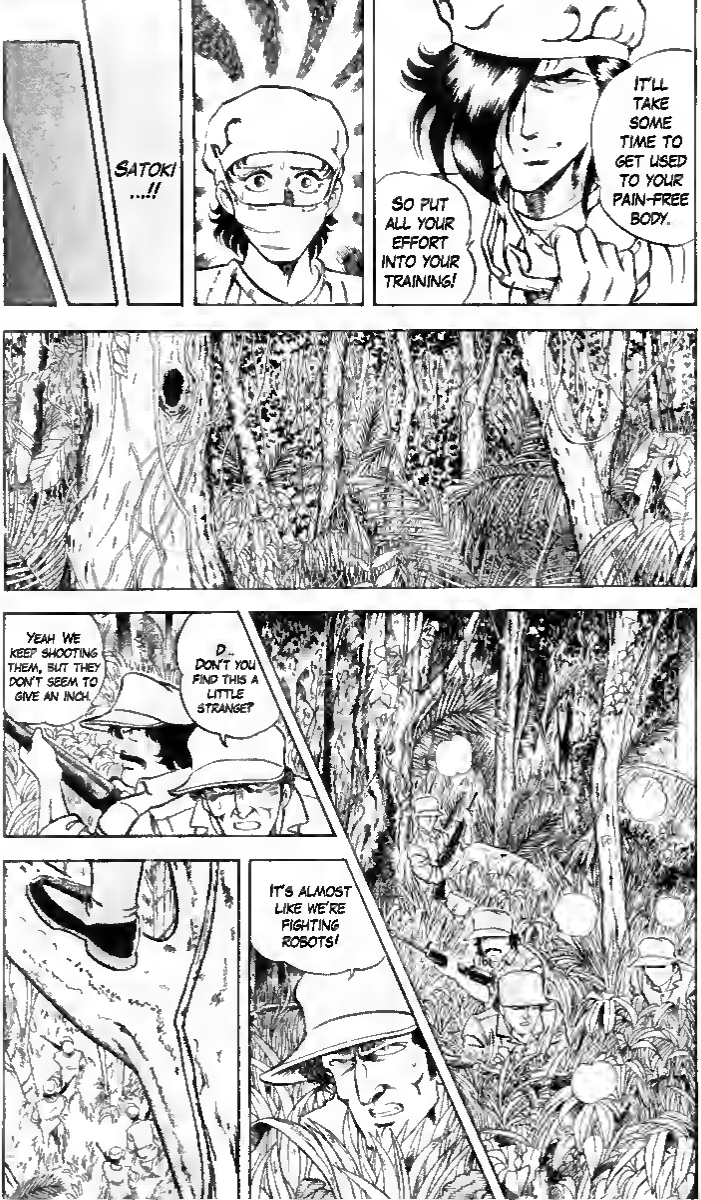

NO!!
...
I'LL DO IT! I'LL BECOME AN INVINCIBLE SOLDIER AND PUT AN END TO THIS WAR!!

YOU THINK I'D DIE!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...? I'LL BE REBORN AS AN INVINCIBLE SOLDIER.
IF YOU BECOME AN INVINCIBLE SOLDIER, WON'T THEY SEND YOU TO THE FRONT LINES!?
THAT'S TOO DANGEROUS! DON'T DO IT!!
SOMEBODY HAS TO DO IT!
PLEASE, DON'T GET YOUR HANDS ANY DIRTIER !!
YOU WILL KILL PEOPLE WITH THE GUNS YOU SHOOT!!
JUST REMEMBER THIS
SA-TOKI...
YOU'LL BE SET FREE AS SOON AS THE WAR IS OVER!!
DOCTOR K! THIS IS GOODBYE! I'M GOING TO FIGHT!!
WILL BE HELL ITSELF.
THE ONLY THING THAT WILL AWAIT YOU AFTER BECOMING AN INVINCIBLE SOLDIER...

YES, SIR!! WE'VE ASSEMBLED ALL THE EQUIPMENT WE NEED FOR A FACILITY WORTHY OF PRODUCING INVINCIBLE SOLDIERS!!
OHHHH... THIS EQUIPMENT DOES SEEM TO BE QUITE INCONGRUOUS WITH THIS COUNTRY...
SEND IN THE PATIENT!!
ALRIGHT!
PREP THE ELECTRICAL NEEDLE!!
HMM. YOU LOOK LIKE A STRAPPING YOUNG MAN!
AND BURN THE NERVES!!
!?
WE WILL DRIVE THE ELECTRICAL NEEDLE INTO THE CERVICAL SPINAL CORD THROUGH THE CERVICAL VERTEBRAE,
I WILL NOW EXPLAIN THE PROCEDURE!

I WILL ONLY BE LOCALLY BURNING OFF THE NERVES THAT RESPOND TO PAIN!
NO NEED FOR CONCERN.
WON'T HE BE COMPLETELY PARALYZED AND HAVE DIFFICULTY BREATHING ?
BUT IF YOU DO THAT...
!!
AFTER THIS OPERATION, YOU WILL NO LONGER FEEL ANY PAIN!
CAN YOU REALLY ...?
ONLY THE PAIN NERVES ?
I CAN DO IT!
MY HANDS FEEL A LITTLE NUMB.
NOW MY LEGS. MY WHOLE BODY FEELS NUMB!!
HOW ABOUT NOW?
WITHOUT THAT PAIN, YOU CAN BECOME AN OVERWHELMING FORCE...
THE SENSATION OF PAIN IS WHAT DULLS THE WILL TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY IN BATTLE.
AN INVINCIBLE SOLDIER!!

GGH...
AL-RIGHT! POSI-TION SET!!
X-RAY CHECK, OK!!
ON!!
ELEC-TRICITY
LIRR-KKK...
YOU HAVE BECOME A SUPER-ELITE FIGHTING MACHINE!! AN INVINCIBLE SOLDIER!!
NOW YOU CAN NO LONGER FEEL PAIN.
OPERATION COMPLETE!!
I'VE BECOME AN INVINCIBLE SOLDIER...


SATOKI ...!!
SO PUT ALL YOUR EFFORT INTO YOUR TRAINING!
IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME TO GET USED TO YOUR PAIN-FREE BODY.
YEAH WE KEEP SHOOTING THEM, BUT THEY DON'T SEEM TO GIVE AN INCH.
D... DON'T YOU FIND THIS A LITTLE STRANGE?
IT'S ALMOST LIKE WE'RE FIGHTING ROBOTS!

!?
WHEN DID THEY GET ABOVE US...!?
GYA AAAHHH HHHH!

I DON'T FEEL A THING...
HMPF.
ゾゾ
ゾゾ
A MONSTER...!?
WHAT IS HE?
!?
DIE.
HAGWA AHHH...
.....

PFFT!
SCUM!
SATOKI...

Cordotomy

A method of therapy used to remove the pain of terminal cancer patients. The pain nerves are electrically severed, which removes all pain from the patient's body. Performing this operation on healthy individuals is strictly prohibited.

UNACCEPTABLE!!
IT'S AN EFFECTIVE THERAPEUTIC METHOD FOR REMOVING THE PAIN OF TERMINAL CANCER PATIENTS.. BUT HE'S ABUSING IT FOR WAR..
LUKA!!!

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CHART 10: THE TRAGIC INVINCIBLE SOLDIER

THE CORDOTOMY OPERATION LOCALLY BURNS OFF YOUR PAIN NERVES...
TURNING ALL THOSE WHO UNDERGO THIS OPERATION INTO PAINLESS MEN!
WHEN APPLIED TO SOLDIERS, THEY WILL BE CAPABLE OF FIGHTING WITHOUT LOSING THEIR WILL, EVEN IF THEY LOSE AN ARM OR TWO!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
H-HERE THEY COME...
HUFF
THEREFORE, THEY WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH, AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT DIE INSTANTLY FROM A BLOW TO THE HEAD OR HEART.

AND THOSE WHO HAVE UNDERGONE THE CORDOTOMY OPERATION WILL NEVER REGAIN THEIR SENSE OF PAIN!
WAAAAUGH! H...HELP!!

THEY ARE REBORN AS LITERAL FIGHTING MACHINES!!
GYAAAA HHHHH HHH...

WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FORM AN INVINCIBLE FORCE, THANKS TO YOUR OPERATION!
ABSOLUTELY SPLENDID, DOCTOR T!!
THE WAR HAS TURNED FROM A STALEMATE AND BECOME HOPEFUL!
I WANT YOU TO KEEP MAKING ME MORE AND MORE INVINCIBLE SOLDIERS!
THAT'S A SIMPLE REQUEST!!
グォォォォォォォォ...
OH...!!
LOOK... THE VAMPIRE SQUAD IS BACK!

I HEAR THEY UNDERWENT AN OPERATION THAT TOOK AWAY THEIR SENSE OF PAIN.
THEY DON'T EVEN DIE ON THE BATTLE-FIELD!
THEY MAY BE ON OUR SIDE, BUT THEY CREEP ME OUT!
SA-TOKI...
KOH! WHO ARE THEY CALLING THE VAMP'IRE SQUAD?
WE'LL TEACH THEM A LESSON!!
YOUR DINNER'S READY, DOCTOR.
!

HE'S COMPLETELY CHANGED... I STILL FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE.
HOW HAS SATOKI BEEN... SINCE THE OPERATION?
I DOUBT THAT SATOKI'S SENSES WILL EVER RETURN TO NORMAL. THE CORDOTOMY THREW EVERYTHING OFF.
ALL THANKS TO THAT DAMN DRIFTER NAMED TETSU!!
SATOKI USED TO BE SO GENTLE, BUT NOW HE SHOOTS PEOPLE WITHOUT ANY HESITATION...
AND HIS FACE LOOKS LIKE A DEMON... HE'S LIKE A WHOLE OTHER PERSON...
!?
HUH...? THE HOSPITAL!?
TH...THE HOSPITAL'S UNDER ATTACK!!

PUT OUT THE FIRE! HURRY! GET THE EXTINGUI-SHER!!
DAMN YOU, GUERILLAS!!
HOW COULD THEY ATTACK A HOSPITAL FULL OF THE WOUNDED ...!?
!
THE VAMPIRE SQUAD'S HERE! NOW WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR!!
OHH... THE VAMPIRE SQUAD'S HERE!!
.....

THE VAMPIRE SQUAD HAS ARRIVED!!
WHAT'S THE SITUATION?
ABOUT THREE GUERILLAS SET BOMBS INSIDE. AND THEY'VE TAKEN THE WOUNDED HOSTAGE!
TAKEN THE WOUNDED HOSTAGE? HMPF!!
THEY CAN'T EVEN SERVE ANY PURPOSE ON THE BATTLE-FIELD!
PREPARE FOR VOLLEY FIRE!!
WE'LL KILL THEM, HOSTAGES AND ALL!!

MY BROTHER'S IN THERE!!
SO IS MINE!!
H-HOSTAGES AND ALL!? THAT'S SO CRUEL...!!
STOP THEM!
A..ARE YOU INSANE, YOU MORONS!? CAN'T YOU SEE OUR HOSTAGES!?
DON'T YOU CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE WOUNDED!?
SA-TOKI!!
!!
FIRE!!
SATOKI, NO!!
AH! SILKI!
WATCH OUT!!
COLT AR-15

GWAAA-
UUGGH...
HUH!?
S-
SILKI
WHY...
DID YOU DO
THIS..?
SILKI
!!

S-SATOKI.. YOU'VE.
CH... CHANGED...
HURTS!?
I...IT HURTS..
UNN-GH...
YOU USED TO TREAT LIFE..
MORE... PRE-CIOUSLY
SILKI...
TO WHEN YOU WERE... GENTLE...!!
PLEASE...
YOU BAS-TARD...
SA-TOKI!!!

WELL, SATOKI!? DID THAT HURT!?
!?
YOU'VE NOT ONLY LOST YOUR OWN PAIN..
YOU'VE ALSO LOST THE PAIN YOU INFLICT ON OTHERS!!
SHE'S SUFFERING FROM THE PHYSICAL PAIN OF BEING SHOT, AND THE MENTAL ANGUISH OF BEING SHOT BY HER FIANCÉ... CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THAT!?
LOOK AT HER!!

HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU KILLED SINCE YOU BECAME A KILLING MACHINE?
THINK ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE!
WELL, SATOKI!?
THAT CAN FEEL PAIN ANYMORE!?
DO YOU FEEL PAIN IN YOUR HEART!?
DO YOU EVEN HAVE A HEART...
DON'T DIE ON ME..
I... SILK!... PLEASE...
AHOO!
W.. WHERE ..
WHERE DID I GO WRONG ..?

DON'T LET SILKI DIE!!
PLEASE, DOCTOR!!

SILKI!!

B-BUT THAT EXPLOSION TOOK OUT THE OPERATING ROOM...

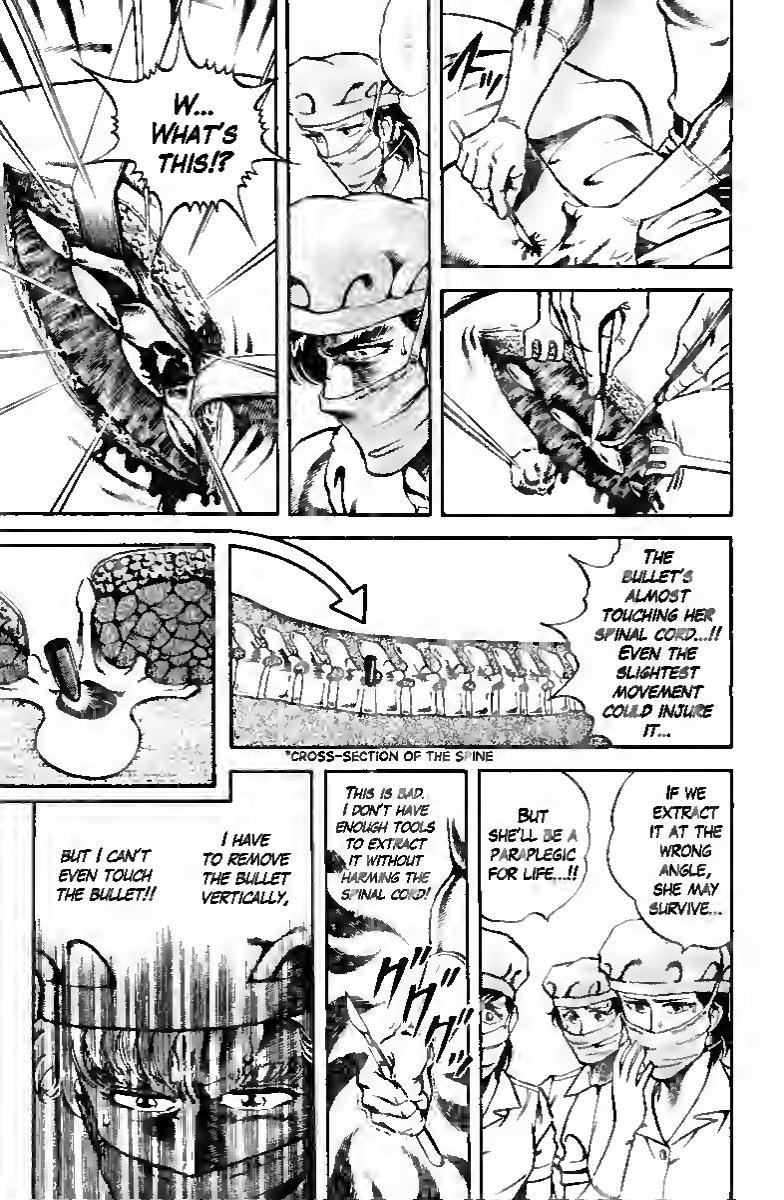
REGARD-LESS OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU ASK ME TO TREAT HER.
I'M A DOCTOR. I CAN'T IGNORE A HEAVILY WOUNDED PATIENT.

AND GATHER ALL THE TOOLS YOU CAN GET YOUR HANDS ON!!
THAT DOESN'T MATTER! TAKE HER TO ANY HOSPITAL ROOM!!

THE BULLET COULD BE EMBEDDED ALL THE WAY INTO HER SPINAL CORD.

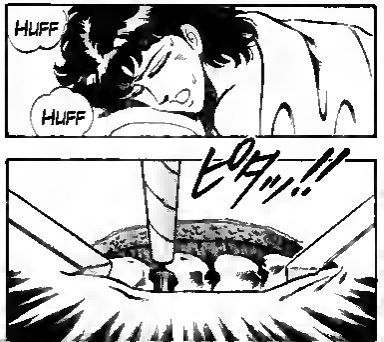
ARE WE REALLY GOING TO OPERATE HERE?

SCAL-PEL!!
LET'S DO THIS!!


W... WHAT'S THIS!?
THE BULLET'S ALMOST TOUCHING HER SPINAL CORD...!! EVEN THE SLIGHTEST MOVEMENT COULD INJURE IT...
*CROSS-SECTION OF THE SPINE
BUT I CAN'T EVEN TOUCH THE BULLET!!
I HAVE TO REMOVE THE BULLET VERTICALLY,
THIS IS BAD. I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TOOLS TO EXTRACT IT WITHOUT HARMING THE SPINAL CORD!
BUT SHE'LL BE A PARAPLEGIC FOR LIFE...!!
IF WE EXTRACT IT AT THE WRONG ANGLE, SHE MAY SURVIVE...

WHAT DO I DO... WHAT DO I DO!?
ISN'T THERE ANOTHER WAY!?
ANY OTHER WAY!?
N-NO!!
メリメリ...
IT'S NO USE...
I CAN'T EXTRACT IT HERE!!
!!
Y-YOU MEAN THE VACUUM CLEANER!?
BRING THAT HERE!!
THAT'S IT!!
?
DO YOU HAVE ANY PACKING TAPE AND CARD-BOARD!?

?
OKAY...
THIS SHOULD BE THE SAME SIZE AS THE BULLET!!
NOW...
I CAN SUCK OUT THE BULLET!!


HUFF
HUFF
YOU'RE GOING TO USE THE VACUUM CLEANER'S SUCTION!?
HUU-UH!?

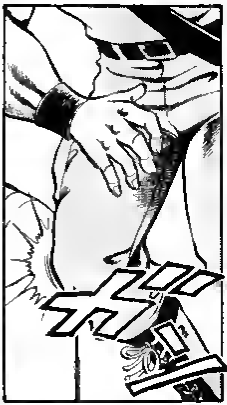
FLIP THE SWITCH!!
. . . .
ALRIGHT... HERE I GO!!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

THE EXTRACTION WAS SUCCESSFUL!!
WE DID IT... WE DID IT!!

DON'T WORRY. THE TEARS YOU STILL HAVE IN YOUR HEART SAVED HER.

D-DOCTOR!!
PHEW...

OW...!!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AH... SATOKI
T-THANK YOU! I'M SO HAPPY! I TRULY AM...
ヨロッ

N..NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...!!
SA-TOKI...
I'VE BEEN FEELING IT FOR A WHILE. HERE IN MY RIGHT KNEE...
THERE'S A CONSTANT, SLIGHT, DULL PAIN OR MORE LIKE AN ACHE...
DID YOU... JUST FEEL PAIN?
!!
SA-TOKI!!
YOU MAY BE ABLE TO RETURN TO NORMAL!!
HUH!?

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THE ACHE IN YOUR RIGHT KNEE...
CAN NEVER FEEL PAIN AGAIN IN THEIR LIVES..!?
BUT I THOUGHT THAT PEOPLE WHO UNDERGO A CORDOTOMY...
THAT'S THE KEY!!
HIS PAIN CAN NEVER RETURN...
IM-POSSIBLE... MY COR-DOTOMY WAS PER-FECT!!
SATOKI! I'M GOING TO RETURN YOU TO NORMAL!!
PREP FOR OPERATION!!

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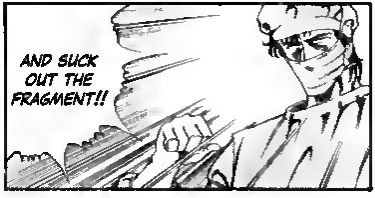
CHART 11: HUMAN HAPPINESS

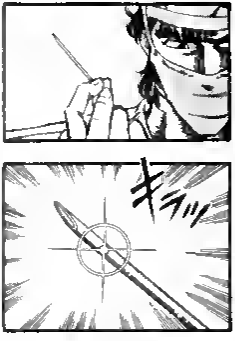
I KNEW IT...
CAN I RETURN TO NORMAL!?
IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT !!
I'M GUESSING THAT WHEN HE DROVE THE ELECTRIC NEEDLE IN...
A FRAGMENT BROKE OFF INSIDE THE SPINAL CORD, CAUSING BLEEDING
THIS IS A NEEDLE FRAGMENT!!
THAT SPOT ON THE BACK OF YOUR NECK. LOOK AT IT!
TETSU'S OPERATION FAILED!!
WHICH MEANS THAT THE NERVES WERE NEVER COMPLETELY CUT...
MERELY DULLING ALL PAIN TEMPORARILY!
THAT BLEEDING THEN TURNED INTO A HEMATOMA, PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE NERVE FIBERS.

I WILL NOW EXPLAIN THE PROCEDURE!
YOU CAN GO BACK, AS LONG AS WE REMOVE THIS FRAGMENT!
DOES THIS MEAN I CAN ..?

P— PLEASE DO.
HERE I GO, SATOKI.

THAT'S A DIFFICULT SURGERY..
I WILL REINSERT A NEEDLE INTO THE CERVICAL VERTEBRA THAT TETSU INSERTED INTO FIRST...


AND SUCK OUT THE FRAGMENT!!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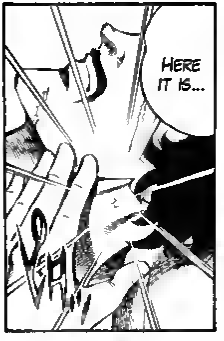

HERE IT IS...

AL-RIGHT!
PREPARE THE X-RAY!!

YES!
CONFIRM POSITION!!
!!
JUST ANOTHER 0.2 MILLI-METERS
ALMOST THERE...
HERE I GO!
ALRIGHT... RIGHT THERE!!
HMM ...!!

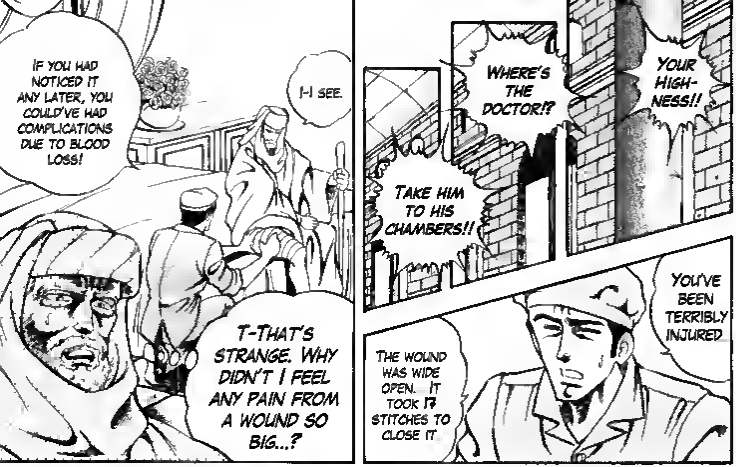
PFFT!
IT'S DONE.
THIS IS WHAT WAS BLOCKING YOUR PAIN
THIS LITTLE THING..?
DOES THAT MEAN...
YOU EXTRACTED THE FRAGMENT WITH YOUR MOUTH?
THE FRAGMENT IS ONLY ABOUT 1/5 THE SIZE OF A MATCH-STICK.
AS LONG AS I HAD THE POSITION RIGHT, I COULD EASILY EXTRACT IT WITH MY MOUTH
SO... WHEN IS MY SENSATION GOING TO RETURN!?
HEH
OW...
!?
I...IT HURT...
IT HURT...
I CAN FEEL PAIN!!
MY SENSES ARE BACK!!

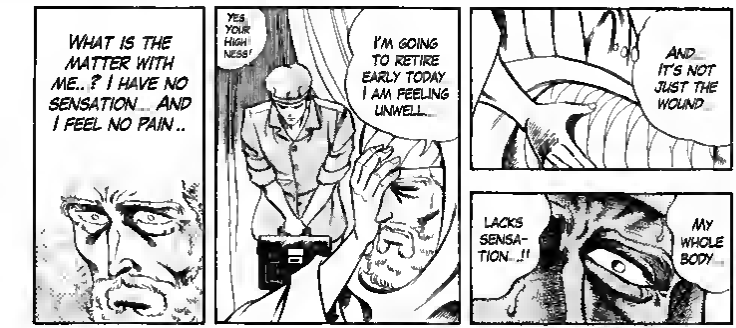
EVEN AS WE SPEAK, THE INVINCIBLE SOLDIERS...
ARE CONTINUING THEIR SLAUGHTER...
WE CAN'T CELEBRATE JUST YET.
BUT WHEN THEY HEAL, THEY HEAL INSTANTANEOUSLY!
NERVES ARE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE.
THANK YOU, DOCTOR!!
THANK YOU!
NOTHING GOOD CAN COME FROM WAR... YOU WERE RIGHT, DOCTOR K...
WHEN I BECAME AN INVINCIBLE SOLDIER AND COMMITTED MURDER AFTER MURDER, THE ONLY THING I HAD LEFT.
WAS INDESCRIBABLE SADNESS.
T-THAT THOUGHT PAINS MY HEART, AS WELL...
I...
HAVE A PLAN.
TAKE ME TO THE KING'S CHAMBERS.
?
AND STOP THE PRODUCTION OF INVINCIBLE SOLDIERS!!
WE HAVE TO WARN THE KING...

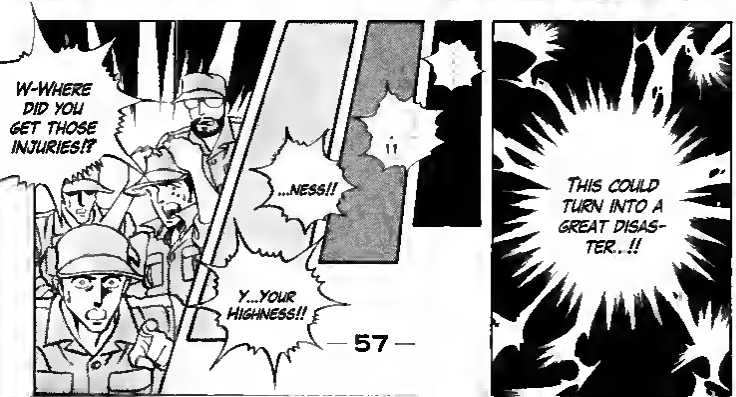
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO EXPERIENCE FIRSTHAND...
LINN... NNGH
THE TERROR AND SORROW OF THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR PAIN ..
ZZZZZZ...
ZZZZZ...
.....

YOUR HIGH-NESS!!
YOUR HIGH-NESS!!
LONG LIVE THE KING!!
THIS WAR IS COMING TO A CLOSE!! WE HAVE A RAY OF HOPE!!
EVERYONE!! MY PEOPLE!! FEAR NOT!!
THE MEN WHO HAVE BECOME INVINCIBLE SOLDIERS WILL DEFEAT THE REBELS,
AND BRING PEACE TO OUR GREAT NATION!!
!?

OHHH...
THERE'S BLOOD ON YOUR ROBES...
YOU'RE BADLY INJURED!!
?
Y...YOUR HIGHNESS... ARE YOU BLEEDING!?
HE MUST'VE GOTTEN CAUGHT ON SOME NAIL...
CALL A DOCTOR !!
URK...!!
I DIDN'T FEEL ANY PAIN.. BUT WHY...!?
T-THAT'S STRANGE !!
WHY DIDN'T ANYONE NOTICE IT UNTIL NOW!?
THERE ARE DROPS OF BLOOD ALL THE WAY DOWN THE HALL...!!


IF YOU HAD NOTICED IT ANY LATER, YOU COULD'VE HAD COMPLICATIONS DUE TO BLOOD LOSS!
I-I SEE.
T-THAT'S STRANGE. WHY DIDN'T I FEEL ANY PAIN FROM A WOUND SO BIG...?
WHERE'S THE DOCTOR!?
YOUR HIGH-NESS!!
TAKE HIM TO HIS CHAMBERS!!
YOU'VE BEEN TERRIBLY INJURED
THE WOUND WAS WIDE OPEN. IT TOOK 17 STITCHES TO CLOSE IT


WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH ME..? I HAVE NO SENSATION... AND I FEEL NO PAIN..
YES, YOUR HIGH NESS!
I'M GOING TO RETIRE EARLY TODAY I AM FEELING UNWELL...
AND... IT'S NOT JUST THE WOUND...
LACKS SENSA-TION...!!
MY WHOLE BODY...


W-WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE INJURIES!?
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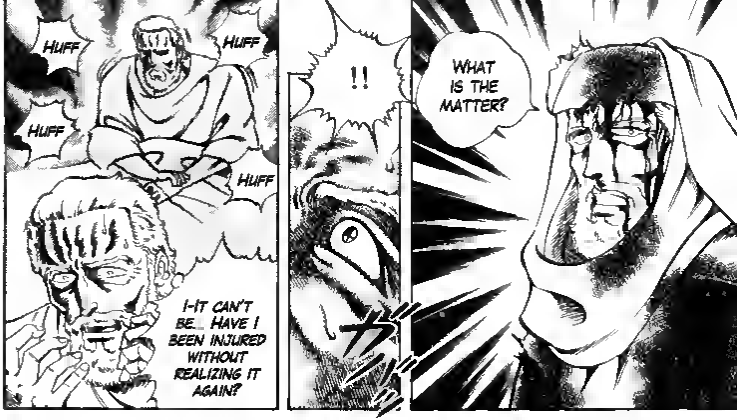
...NESS!!
Y...YOUR HIGHNESS!!
THIS COULD TURN INTO A GREAT DISAS-TER..!!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I-IT CAN'T BE... HAVE I BEEN INJURED WITHOUT REALIZING IT AGAIN?
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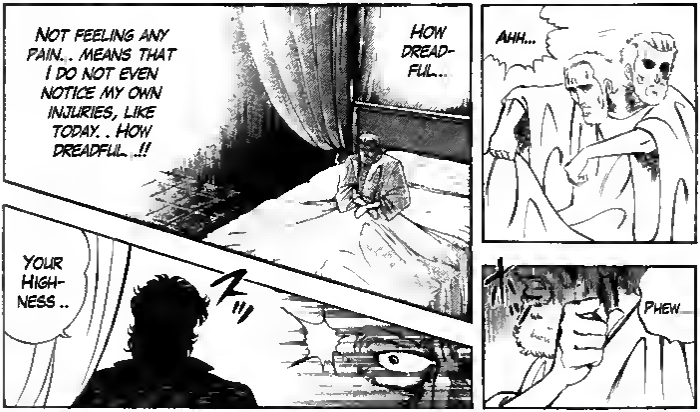
WHAT IS THE MATTER?


NOT FEELING ANY PAIN.. MEANS THAT I DO NOT EVEN NOTICE MY OWN INJURIES, LIKE TODAY.. HOW DREADFUL..!!
HOW DREAD-FUL..
YOUR HIGH-NESS..
AHH...
PHEW...

DOCTOR K!!
SATOKI!! AND...

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE NO PAIN!?
WELL?
FOR SNEAKING INTO YOUR CHAMBERS.
YOUR HIGHNESS... I BESEECH YOUR PARDON...
AND PERFORMED THE SAME CORDOTOMY THAT TETSU DID!!
I STOLE IN HERE LAST NIGHT...
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
?
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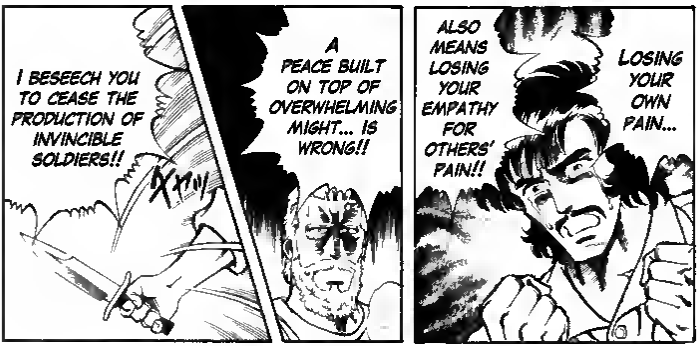
YOUR HIGH-NESS... MY DEEPEST APOLO-GIES
BUT... I ABSOLUTELY... WANTED YOU TO UNDER-STAND...
YOU WHAT ....!?
Y...

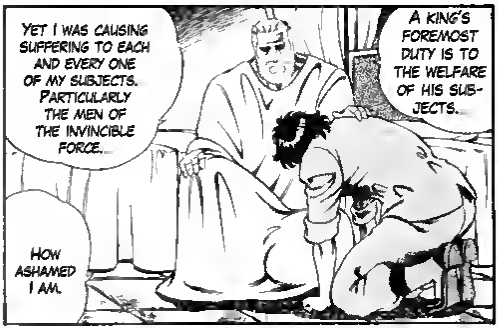
AND HOW RIDICULOUS THESE INVINCIBLE SOLDIERS ARE!!
HOW HARD IT IS TO BE A PERSON WITHOUT PAIN...

AND I COMMITTED MURDER AFTER MURDER...
AT THE END OF IT ALL, I EVEN FIRED UPON MY BELOVED FIANCÉE...
I STOOD ON THE FRONT LINES AS THE FIRST INVINCIBLE SOLDIER...
SATOKI...


I BESEECH YOU TO CEASE THE PRODUCTION OF INVINCIBLE SOLDIERS!!
A PEACE BUILT ON TOP OF OVERWHELMING MIGHT... IS WRONG!!
ALSO MEANS LOSING YOUR EMPATHY FOR OTHERS' PAIN!!
LOSING YOUR OWN PAIN...

!!
WITH MY LIFE...
AND I SHALL PAY FOR MY IRREVERENCE TOWARDS YOU...
SATOKI...
I FORBID YOU TO DIE,
!!
I HAVE LEARNED FIRST-HAND..
THE TERROR OF LOSING YOUR PAIN.
I WOULD HAVE CONTINUED TO MAKE THE SAME HORRENDOUS MISTAKE...
IF YOU... HAD NOT BEEN HERE TO REPRIMAND ME...

LIKE MY EYES HAVE BEEN OPENED...
I FEEL...


YET I WAS CAUSING SUFFERING TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF MY SUBJECTS. PARTICULARLY THE MEN OF THE INVINCIBLE FORCE...
A KING'S FOREMOST DUTY IS TO THE WELFARE OF HIS SUBJECTS.
HOW ASHAMED I AM.

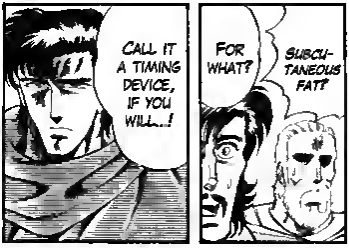
YOUR HIGHNESS!!

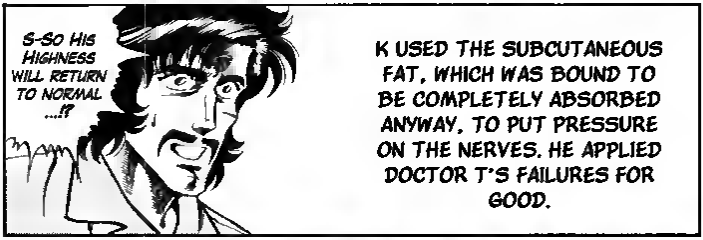
THERE'S NO NEED FOR CONCERN!
HUH!?

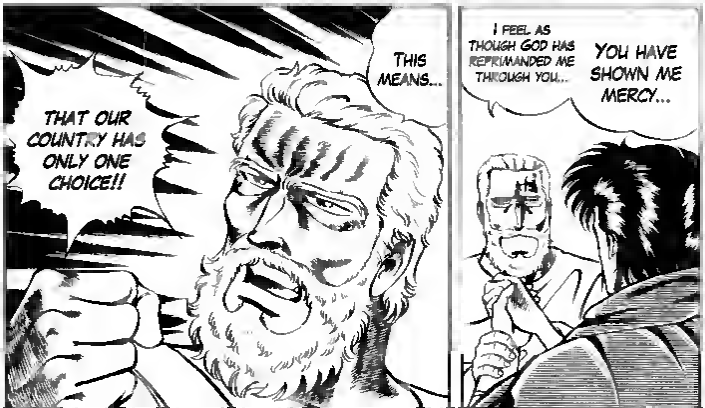
FOR I HAVE INCURRED THE WRATH OF GOD...
AND I HAVE BEEN GIVEN A BODY THAT CANNOT FEEL PAIN...

A NERVE THAT IS BURNED OFF WILL NOT GROW BACK... BUT IF THE PATIENT'S SUBCUTANEOUS FAT IS WEDGED INTO THE NEURON WITHOUT CUTTING IT...
IT WILL CAUSE A TEMPORARY SECESSION OF PAIN, BUT THIS EFFECT WILL VANISH ONCE THE FAT IS ABSORBED...

I MADE USE OF YOUR SUBCUTANEOUS FAT
I DID A LITTLE TRICK WHILE ADMINISTERING THE CORDOTOMY


CALL IT A TIMING DEVICE, IF YOU WILL...!
FOR WHAT?
SUBCUTANEOUS FAT?


S-SO HIS HIGHNESS WILL RETURN TO NORMAL ...!?
K USED THE SUBCUTANEOUS FAT, WHICH WAS BOUND TO BE COMPLETELY ABSORBED ANYWAY, TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE NERVES. HE APPLIED DOCTOR T'S FAILURES FOR GOOD.


THIS MEANS...
THAT OUR COUNTRY HAS ONLY ONE CHOICE!!
I FEEL AS THOUGH GOD HAS REPRIMANDED ME THROUGH YOU...
YOU HAVE SHOWN ME MERCY...

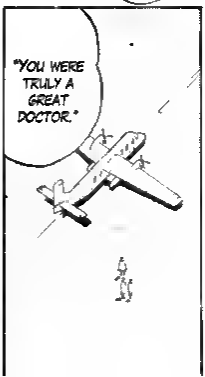
K...!!
THANKS TO DOCTOR K...
WE'VE FINALLY OPENED OUR EYES...
WHY NOT!?
YOU DON'T NEED THE INVINCIBLE SOLDIERS ANYMORE!?
DAMN YOU... HOW DARE YOU DISGRACE ME... I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HUMILIATED IN MY LIFE...
THIS ISN'T OVER, K...!

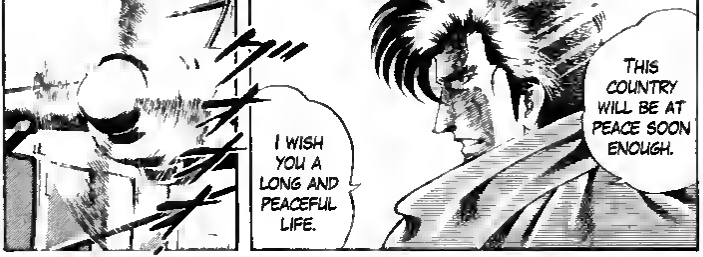
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN FEELING, SILKI?

I'M ALL BETTER NOW!!

"YOU INSERTED YOUR SCALPEL NOT ONLY INTO THE SICK AND THE WOUNDED, BUT INTO THE FOCUS OF THE CIVIL WAR ITSELF"...!

I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM HIS HIGHNESS


"YOU WERE TRULY A GREAT DOCTOR."


I WISH YOU A LONG AND PEACEFUL LIFE.
THIS COUNTRY WILL BE AT PEACE SOON ENOUGH.

DOCTOR K, YOU HAVE SAVED OUR LIVES... AND THE ENTIRE COUNTRY...
WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU!!

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THE YOMISUTE SHIMBUN
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PONGCHAN
CEASEFIRE IN THE KINGDOM OF QASAR
ROYAL ARMY AND LIBERATION ARMY BEGIN PEACE TALKS
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SUPER DOCTOR K
CHART 12:
THE FATED FATHER AND SON

SINCE MY FATHER ENDED HIS LIFE...

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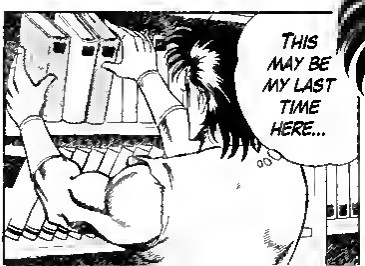
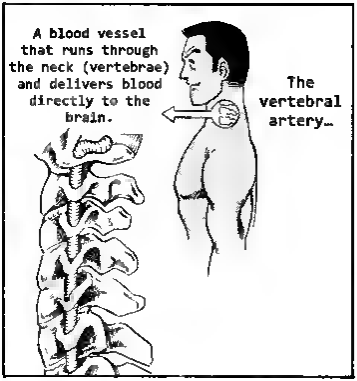
THER...


THIS MAY BE MY LAST TIME HERE...

IT'S BEEN SEVEN YEARS NOW...

!?
HMM!?
...
I...
IS THIS MY FATHER'S WILL...!?

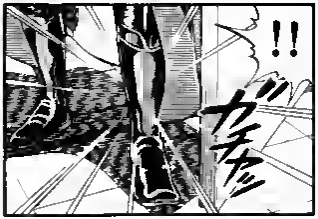
SIGN HAYASHIDA HOSPITAL



TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!!
WHAT!!
YOU IDIOT!!
WE NEED TO OPERATE IMMEDIATELY TO REMOVE THE THROMBUS...
HMM, THIS IS PRETTY BAD.
IT'S INTERCURRENT WITH AN ANEURYSM WHICH IS ON THE VERGE OF RUPTURING!!
THIS ISN'T SIMPLE THROMBOSIS!
IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU TRIED TO MOVE IT AND IT GOT CAUGHT ON THE BONE! SHE'D DIE OF SHOCK INSTANTLY!! WE CAN'T POSSIBLY OPERATE ON HER!!
AND ON ACCOUNT OF THE CHRONIC NATURE OF HER CONDITION, HER VASCULAR WALLS ARE ABNORMALLY THIN!
I WISHED...
I ONLY HAVE ONE REGRET...
THIRTY YEARS... I'VE LIVED WITH THIS DISEASE FOR THIRTY YEARS, AND I'M READY TO LET GO...
SO THIS DAY HAS COME AT LAST...
YEAH... I DON'T KNOW HOW EFFECTIVE IT'LL BE, BUT THAT'S OUR ONLY OPTION NOW!!
SO I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO RELIEVE IT WITH DRUGS.

I ALMOST FEEL LIKE WHILE I WAIT HERE, THAT DOOR WILL OPEN... AND HE'LL COME WALKING IN...

THAT I COULD SEE HIM AGAIN...!!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I TAKE IT THERE'S A WOMAN BY THE NAME OF KIMURA CHIE HERE!!
!?

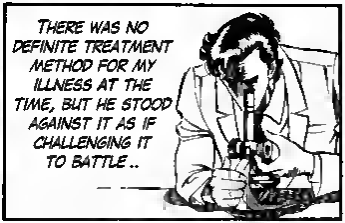
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!? THIS AREA IS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED PERSONS ONLY!
HUH?
KAZU-OKI!!
BUT I AM AUTHORIZED.
NO... THIS CAN'T BE...
IT'S BEEN THIRTY YEARS...
YET YOU HAVEN'T AGED A DAY... THAT CAN'T BE POSSIBLE...
YOU'RE A SPITTING IMAGE OF HIM...
COULD YOU POSSIBLY BE..?
IS THAT SO..? DO I REALLY RESEMBLE HIM THAT MUCH..?
YES..

CALL ME KAZUYA...
KAZUOKI'S SON..?
THIRTY YEARS AGO... HE WAS A WONDERFUL DOCTOR!!
I'M SORRY. I KNOW I'M TOO OLD FOR THIS...
IT'S JUST... HE LOOKS SO MUCH LIKE THE DOCTOR THAT DIAGNOSED ME THIRTY YEARS AGO.
AHHH. I KNEW IT!!
UHHH... PLEASE, DON'T GET TOO AGITATED!

HE FULFILLED EVERY SINGLE CONDITION... I EVEN THOUGHT OF HIM AS A GOD...!
HIS STRONG WILL... HIS HEART THAT DETESTED ILLNESS... HIS CARE FOR HIS PATIENTS... AND HIS SKILL...!!

HE OVER-CAME MY ILLNESS!!
AND HE FINALLY WON!!

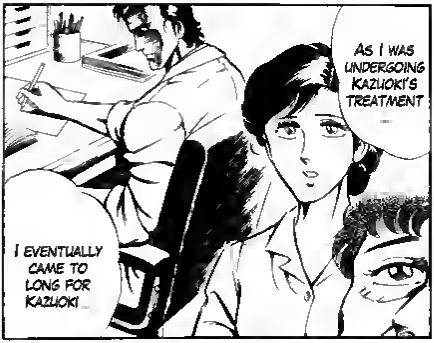
THIRTY YEARS AGO, I FELL ILL TO A THROMBOSIS OF MY VERTEBRAL ARTERY...


THERE WAS NO DEFINITE TREATMENT METHOD FOR MY ILLNESS AT THE TIME, BUT HE STOOD AGAINST IT AS IF CHALLENGING IT TO BATTLE..

HE COMBINED WESTERN AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE AND CROSSED THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN BRANCHES, AND CREATED HIS OWN STYLE.

UNIQUE?
HE HAD A UNIQUE FORM OF TREATMENT METHOD.

HE COULDN'T HAVE HEALED YOU WITH THE TREATMENT METHODS THAT EXISTED THIRTY YEARS AGO!
BUT HOW ...!?


As I was undergoing Kazuoki's treatment...
I eventually came to long for Kazuoki...

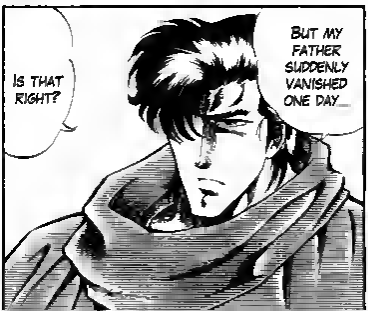
He must've had a very strong will...
Crossed the boundaries between branches...

But of course, he did say that he had no interest in participating in the public medical sphere...

I wrote him letter after letter, and sent him gifts...

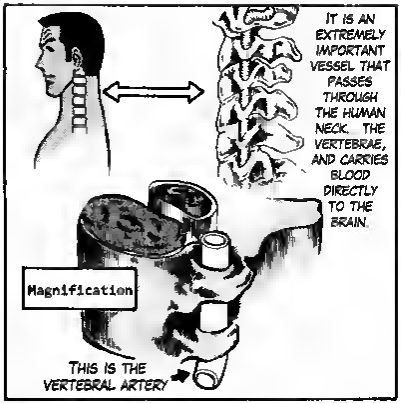
I still think of him as my first and last love.
Kazuoki treated me with kindness as well...

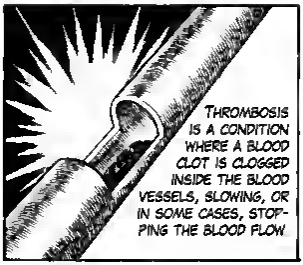
But I couldn't find him...
I tried everything I could.


Is that right?
But my father suddenly vanished one day...

MY FATHER IS DEAD...
!?
BUT I'M SURPRISED TO SEE THAT HE HAD SUCH A FINE SON...
SO IS KAZUOKI WELL?
I FOUND MY FATHER'S WILL AS I WAS ARRANGING HIS CHARTS...
HE WROTE ALL ABOUT YOUR DISEASE IN HERE...
AND HE SAID THAT UNFORTUNATELY, YOU COULD NOT BE HEALED BY THE TREATMENT METHODS OF THIRTY YEARS AGO... BUT THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE A TREATMENT METHOD AVAILABLE IN HIS SON'S TIME...!
MY FATHER ENTRUSTED YOU INTO MY HANDS!

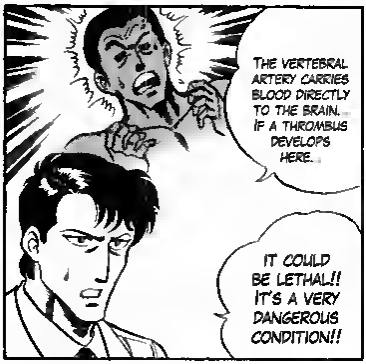
AND BY MY FATHER'S WILL... I...
HAVE COME TO TREAT YOU.
K... KAZUOKI...
I WAS SO SURPRISED BY HOW CLOSELY YOU RESEMBLED KAZUOKI...
YOUR NAME WAS KAZUYA, RIGHT...?
AND TO THINK YOU HAVE FOLLOWED IN YOUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AS A DOCTOR.
I SEE...
SO KAZUOKI... IS NO LONGER WITH US...
SHE HAS A THROMBOSIS AND AN ANEURYSM.
BUT SHE WAS HEALTHY FOR THIRTY YEARS WITH A CHRONIC CONDITION IN HER VERTEBRAL ARTERY...
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT!
MEDICAL OFFICE
NOW...
I MUST EXPLAIN THE POSITION OF THE VERTEBRAL ARTERY AND THE CONDITION OF THROMBOSIS...

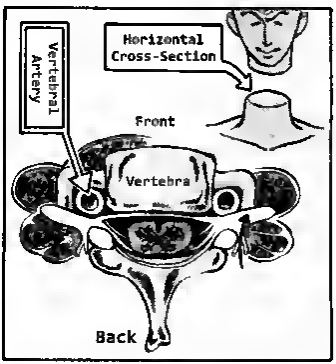

IT IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT VESSEL THAT PASSES THROUGH THE HUMAN NECK. THE VERTEBRAE, AND CARRIES BLOOD DIRECTLY TO THE BRAIN.
Magnification
THIS IS THE VERTEBRAL ARTERY


THROMBOSIS IS A CONDITION WHERE A BLOOD CLOT IS CLOGGED INSIDE THE BLOOD VESSELS, SLOWING, OR IN SOME CASES, STOPPING THE BLOOD FLOW.

FOR THE POSITION OF THE VERTEBRAL ARTERY...

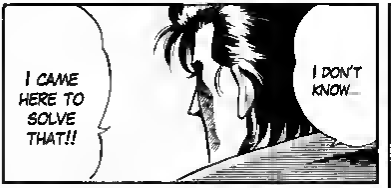
NOW,


THE VERTEBRAL ARTERY CARRIES BLOOD DIRECTLY TO THE BRAIN... IF A THROMBUS DEVELOPS HERE...
IT COULD BE LETHAL!! IT'S A VERY DANGEROUS CONDITION!!



THIS IS THIRTY-YEAR-OLD MEDICINE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. SO SHE MUST'VE TAKEN IT FAIRLY CONSCIENTIOUSLY
ON FURTHER THOUGHT... IT WAS MOST LIKELY DRUG THERAPY!!

So drugs were their only option available thirty years ago!!
There are many cases of thrombi with unknown etiology... And sometimes the symptoms continue even when the blood vessel is cut open and the thrombus is removed...


I came here to solve that!!
I don't know...

But... There weren't any drugs that effective thirty years ago!
Hmm... What kind of drugs did your father use, anyhow?

Father

But more importantly... I want to know!!
It is extremely unfortunate that my treatment could not completely cure Mrs. Kimura's thrombosis... She has another thirty years at best. After that, I leave her. In your hands, Kazuya!!
Kazuya...

!!
FOR THIRTY WHOLE YEARS ...?
HOW DID HE CALM THE DISEASE OF THROMBOSIS...
DID MY FATHER DO THIRTY YEARS AGO.. !?
WHAT KIND OF TREATMENT
WHAT'S THIS....!?
A COLLAR INCISION IS A GENERAL PRACTICE IN NECK SURGERY PERFORMED IN ORDER TO NOT LEAVE A SCAR...
THIS IS... A COLLAR INCISION!
HUH...!? W-W-W-WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
HER NECK... HAS OPERATION SCARS!!

NO.. I CAN TELL... THIS DERMATOPLASTY IS IDENTICAL TO THE ONE MY FATHER PASSED DOWN TO ME..
HE PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE AN UNSIGHTLY OPERATION SCAR ON A WOMAN'S NECK..
WHERE ...!?
ISN'T THAT A WRINKLE, NOT AN OPERATION SCAR!?
HOLD ON A MINUTE!!
DOES THIS MEAN MY FATHER TREATED HER THROMBOSIS WITH SURGERY...!?
BUT..
LET'S OPEN HER UP AND SEE!
HER SYMPTOMS ARE WORSENING.
PREP FOR SURGERY!!
OPERATING
HOW COULD ANYONE HAVE EXPECTED AN EFFECTIVE SURGERY OF ANY SORT IN AN AGE OF DRUG TREATMENT!?
THIS WAS THIRTY YEARS AGO!! THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHOICES BUT DRUGS BACK THEN!!

AS HIS SON, I HAVE TO FIND OUT...!!
FOR WHAT PURPOSE DID MY FATHER STEP INTO THE OPERATING ROOM THIRTY YEARS AGO, WHEN THERE WAS ONLY DRUG TREATMENT ?
I... WON'T BE HELD LIABLE FOR THIS!!
SCAL-PEL!!
IT'S TIME I RECEIVED YOUR INHERITANCE!!
FATHER...

!?
THE VERTEBRAE ...!?
W...WHAT IS THIS...!?
I-IT'S...

Horizontal Cross-Section
This part is missing!!
Vertebrel Artery
IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN SURGICALLY SHAVED OFF!!
BUT WHAT FOR!?
PARTS OF THE VERTEBRAE ARE MISSING!!
THE PARTS OF THE VERTEBRAE THAT HAD ENCAPSULATED THE VERTEBRAL ARTERY... ARE MISSING!!
P... PLEASE EXPLAIN!!
I UNDERSTAND NOW!!
I GOT IT...
When this heppens, the vertebrae will constrict the artery, stopping the blood flow and causing the eneurysm to burst!!
If a thrombus develops in this artery, the blood will continue to accumulete, and the flow will worsen.
Thrombus location
The vertebral artery is surrounded by the vertebrae, as the name suggests.
MY FATHER ALLOWED THE BLOOD VESSEL TO BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND EXPANSION DUE TO THE THROMBUS!!

THE BLOOD FLOW WILL NOT STOP EVEN IF A THROMBUS DEVELOPS!!
SO . IF THE ARTERY IS FREED FROM THE PRESSURE OF THE VERTE-BRAE...
HE SHAVED OFF THE VERTEBRAE, KEEPING THE SYMPTOMS AT BAY FOR THIRTY YEARS...
H...HE ADMINI-STERED THAT...
THIRTY YEARS AGO!?

IT'S TIME TO PASS THE BATON!!
WELL DONE, FATHER !!

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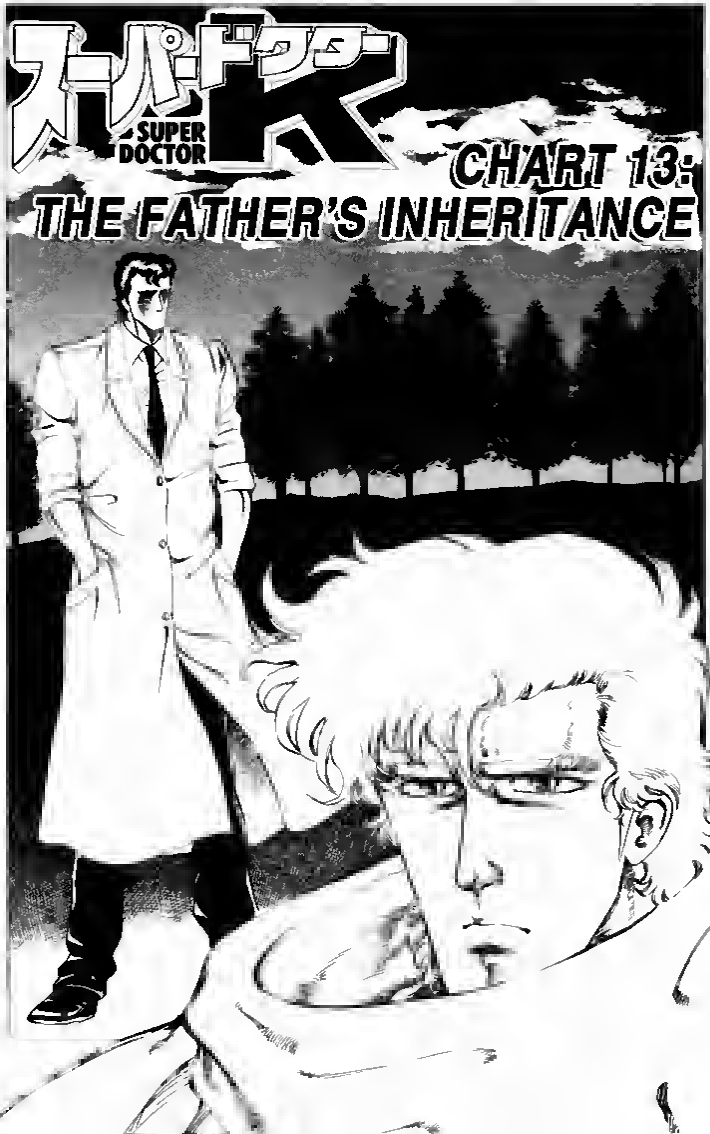
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CHART 13:
THE FATHER'S INHERITANCE

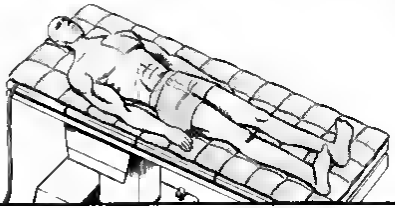
BY SHAVING OFF A PORTION OF THE VERTEBRAE SURROUNDING THE VESSEL,
GUARANTEEING THE BLOOD FLOW...
HE TREATED A THROMBOSIS THAT OCCURRED IN THE VERTEBRAL ARTERY...
AND KEPT THE THROMBOSIS AT BAY FOR THIRTY YEARS...!?
WE WOULD NEVER THINK OF THAT...
AMAZING...
LOOK AT THIS!!
Y... YOU DON'T MEAN ...
HUH!?
ALRIGHT! LET'S GO TO OPERATION NOW!!
WELL DONE, FATHER!! I ACCEPT YOUR INHERITANCE!!

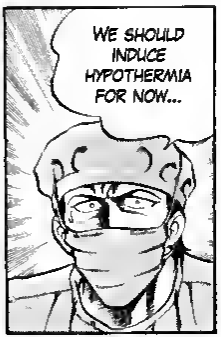
AND THE BLOOD VESSEL IS CLOSE TO BEING PIERCED BY THOSE BONES!!
HER BONES ARE MISSHAPEN AND SHARPENED TO A POINT...
AND THAT'S NOT ALL!!
HER CHRONIC CONDITION HAS CAUSED THE BLOOD TO COMPLETELY COAGULATE ON THE ARTERIAL WALL, AND REMOVING IT IS IMPOSSIBLE .!
Cross-section
IT'S TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING NOW...
MY FATHER WROTE HER TREATMENT METHOD IN HIS WILL!
DON'T WORRY.
IT IS MY GUESS... THAT A SUBSTITUTE FOR BLOOD VESSELS WILL BE INVENTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IF THE BLOOD VESSEL IN WHICH THE THROMBUS HAS DEVELOPED CAN BE REPLACED WITH AN ARTIFICIAL ONE... THEN THE THROMBOSIS CAN BE OVERCOME!!
I...IS HE...!?
I HAVE ADMINISTERED A CERTAIN TREATMENT TO MRS. KIMURA, BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT IS ONLY AN EMERGENCY MEASURE! TO COMPLETELY HEAL HER...
CAN SOMETHING WRITTEN THIRTY YEARS AGO REALLY DO ANY GOOD?
WE'VE WORKED OUT THAT "CERTAIN TREATMENT"...

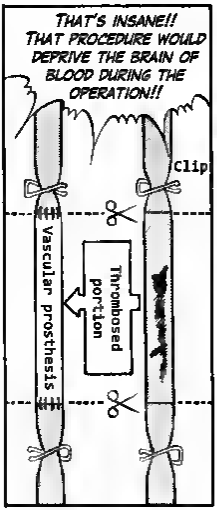
MY FATHER PREDICTED THE INVENTION OF VASCULAR PROSTHESES THIRTY YEARS AGO!!
HE'S TALKING ABOUT VASCULAR PROSTHESES !!
PREC-ISELY!
BUT MY FATHER HAD ALREADY COME TO A CONCLUSION THIRTY YEARS AGO, THAT THE TREATMENT OF THROMBOSIS WAS TO REPLACE THE BLOOD VESSEL WITH A VASCULAR PROSTHESIS!!
BACK THEN, THE TREATMENT OF CARDIAC AND VASCULAR DISEASES WAS A MEDICAL CRAFTWORK OF CAREFULLY CALCULATING DOSAGE AND LENGTH OF TREATMENT...
YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT MORE PREPARATION TO GRAFT A VASCULAR PROSTHESIS ON THE VERTEBRAL ARTERY
W...WAIT JUST A SECOND !!
WE WILL NOW COMMENCE A VASCULAR PROSTHESIS GRAFTING OPERATION!!
I WILL NOW FINISH MY FATHER'S LABOR!
HE ALREADY PREDICTED THAT. THIRTY YEARS AGO...?

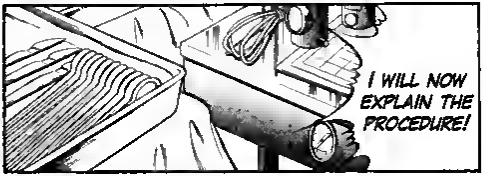
A significant surgical method in which the petient's body temperature is lowered below 30 degrees, minifying the body's regeneration and oxygen consumption. Generally, the body is cooled with a cooling blanket.

Induced Hypothermia...

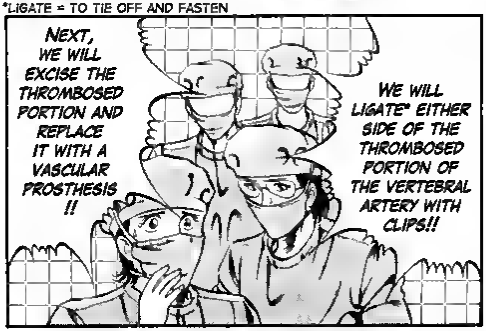


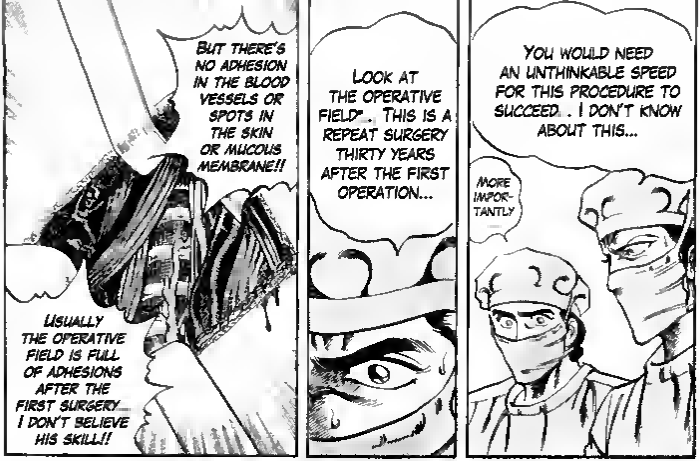



THAT'S INSANE!! THAT PROCEDURE WOULD DEPRIVE THE BRAIN OF BLOOD DURING THE OPERATION!!
Clip
Vascular prosthesis
Thrombosed portion

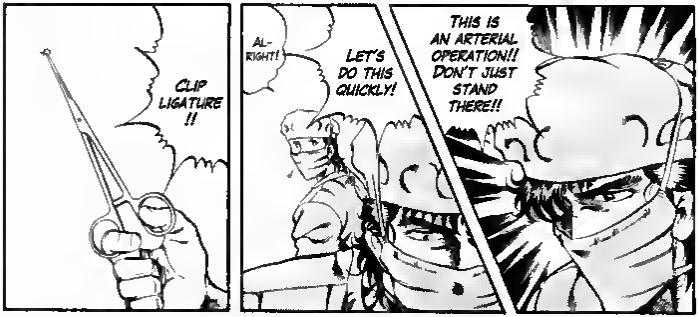


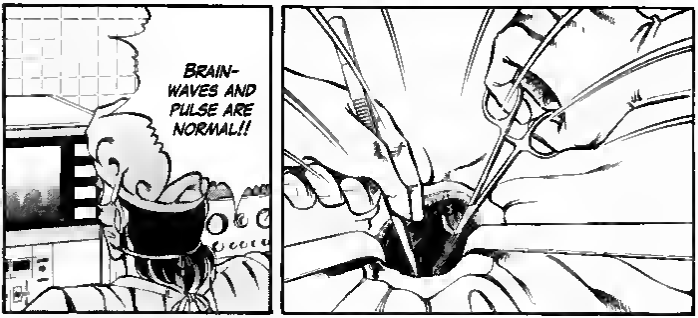
*LIGATE = TO TIE OFF AND FASTEN


NEXT, WE WILL EXCISE THE THROMBOSED PORTION AND REPLACE IT WITH A VASCULAR PROSTHESIS !!
WE WILL LIGATE* EITHER SIDE OF THE THROMBOSED PORTION OF THE VERTEBRAL ARTERY WITH CLIPS!!


But there's no adhesion in the blood vessels or spots in the skin or mucous membrane!!
Usually the operative field is full of adhesions after the first surgery... I don't believe his skill!!
Look at the operative field*. This is a repeat surgery thirty years after the first operation...
You would need an unthinkable speed for this procedure to succeed. I don't know about this...
More importantly

*OPERATIVE FIELD = THE PORTION BEING OPERATED ON





VASCULAR PROSTHESIS!!
HE'S CONDUCTING SUCH A MAJOR OPERATION WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT... AND WITH NO PRESSURE AT ALL...
AT THIS SPEED, I CAN SEE WHY HE DIDN'T CHOOSE TO INDUCE HYPOTHERMIA. .!!
VASCULAR NEEDLE!!

VASCULAR PROSTHESIS GRAFTING COMPLETE!!
WE WILL NOW BEGIN SUTURING THE SKIN!!
MY FATHER LEFT NO SCARS... SO I CANNOT LEAVE ANY, EITHER!!
WE MUST TAKE DELICATE CARE TO ENSURE NO SURGICAL SCARS ARE LEFT ON THE SKIN!!
FATHER... REST ASSURED...
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE HIS SPEED AND ACCURACY...
AMAZING!! SIMPLY AMAZING...
OPERATION COMPLETE!!

FIRST THERE WAS HIS FATHER'S OPERATION THIRTY YEARS AGO, AND NOW THE SON'S..
OPERATED LIKE LIGHTNING...
H-HE REALLY...
I TRUST YOU CAN HANDLE THE REST OF THE TREATMENT?
WHAT A FAMILY!!
MRS. KIMURA! IT'S TIME FOR YOUR CHECK-UP!
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KIMURA CHIE

MRS. KIMURA!! IT'S BEEN A WHOLE WEEK SINCE YOUR OPERATION
YOUR OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS, BUT YOU STILL NEED TO REGAIN YOUR STRENGTH!!
HUUUUH!? YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOUCHED YOUR FOOD!!
I BELIEVED THAT FOR THIRTY LONG YEARS
I BELIEVED I WOULD SEE HIM ONCE MORE... SOMEDAY...
HUH?
I CAN'T SEE HIM ANYMORE, AFTER ALL.
I DON'T WANT TO REGAIN MY STRENGTH
WHAT'S A DOCTOR TO DO FOR SUCH A PATIENT..?
SHE'S FINALLY BEEN CURED OF HER CONDITION, ONLY TO LOSE HER WILL TO LIVE...
THIS ISN'T GOOD ...!!

MY PARENTS WON'T STOP TELLING ME TO GET MARRIED
I'M... MEETING A SUITOR SOON...
..KAZUOKI..
BUT I DON'T WANT MY PARENTS TO ARRANGE MY MARRIAGE
BECAUSE I... HAVE SOMEONE THAT I TRULY LOVE...
.....
CHIE... YOU'RE BETTER OFF NOT GETTING TOO CLOSE TO ME..
I'M GOING TO BE LEAVING AS OF NEXT WEEK.
THIS MEANS I WON'T BE SEEING YOU AGAIN.
HUH ...!?

YOU AND I LIVE IN TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS...
!?
THEN TAKE ME WITH YOU!!
BUT WHY..? YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN HERE FOR A YEAR..!
I DON'T HAVE THE LIBERTY OF STAYING IN ONE PLACE FOR TOO LONG.
I'LL GO WITH YOU!! I SWEAR THAT I WILL FOLLOW YOU!!
THIS IS GOODBYE...
CHIE...
WHERE ARE YOU, KAZUOKI ...!?
HE SHOULD BE ON THIS TRAIN...!!
WHY DIDN'T HE TELL ME...!?
KAZU-OK!!!

WHERE ARE YOU!?
KAZU-OKI!!
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KAZU-OKI... WHY!?
WHY!?
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AH...!!

PLEASE, TELL ME!! WHY...
KAZU-YA...
WHY DID KAZUOKI SUDDENLY VANISH...?
AHH ...!!
MY FAMILY...
KAZUOKI'S FAMILY?
YOUR...
I HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY FAMILY...
TO TELL YOU WHY...
IS A HEREDITARY LINEAGE OF PHYSICIANS...

EACH SUCCESSIVE HEAD OF MY FAMILY IS INITIATED WITH MEDICINE THAT IS PREEMINENT IN ALL FIELDS...
AND I AM THEIR DESCENDANT...
BUT BECAUSE OF THAT MEDICINE...
MY FAMILY HAS OFTEN BEEN A TARGET OF THE POWERS THAT BE.
THE FINAL DESIRE OF ALL POWERS THAT BE IS PERPETUAL YOUTH AND LONGEVITY, AND THEY ATTEMPT TO USE US FOR THAT PURPOSE...
THE HISTORY OF MY FAMILY IS ONE OF STRIFE WITH THE RULING POWERS...

AND WANTED ME TO TRANSPLANT HIS HEART INTO HIM.
HE TARGETED AN INNOCENT YOUNG MAN,
IN FACT, JUST RECENTLY... THE OLD PRESIDENT OF JONAN UNIVERSITY TRIED TO USE MY SKILL JUST TO EXTEND HIS OWN LIFE..

MY FAMILY IS DESTINED TO NEVER STAY IN ONE PLACE FOR VERY LONG .
SO TO ESCAPE THE HANDS OF SUCH DASTARDLY PEOPLE,

ME...?
C-CHERISHED .

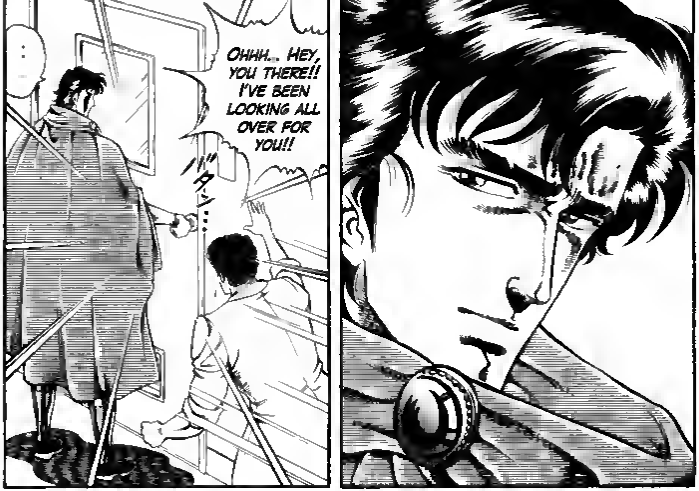
MY FATHER MUST HAVE REFUSED TO PUT YOU THROUGH THAT ORDEAL BECAUSE HE CHERISHED YOU.
YOU WOULD BE PLACED IN DANGER IF YOU STAYED WITH MY FATHER...

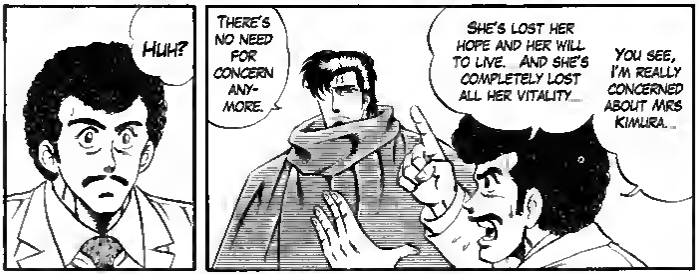
HE PAID DELICATE ATTENTION IN ORDER TO NOT LEAVE ANY VISIBLE SCAR..
THE SURGICAL SCAR ON YOUR NECK IS PROOF ENOUGH...

PLEASE UNDERSTAND HOW MY FATHER FELT...
HE MUST NOT HAVE WANTED TO LEAVE AN UNSIGHTLY SCAR ON THE WOMAN HE LOVED...
T-THAT CAN'T...
WHAT... IS THIS?
MY FATHER GAVE THIS TO ME.
ONE MORE THING.
HE WOULD KEEP IT ON HIS PERSON AT ALL TIMES.
?

I UNDERSTOOD.
WHEN I SAW THE TREATMENT THAT MY FATHER ADMINISTERED YOU THIRTY YEARS AGO...
ON HIS PERSON AT ALL TIMES...?
KAZUOKI KEPT MY BONE...
!!
THIS IS THE PART OF YOUR VERTEBRAE HE SHAVED OFF.
!!
I'M RETURNING IT TO YOU.
NOW, THIRTY YEARS LATER...
15th Kimura Clinic Vertebral Extraction

I... I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD GIVE ME SUCH A PRESENT AFTER THIRTY YEARS...
K... KAZUOKI...
IT'S A MAP TO THE HOUSE IN WHICH MY FATHER SPENT HIS LAST YEARS... AND THE DEED TO THE PROPERTY.
YOU'RE GIVING THIS TO ME?
IS FROM ME...
AND THIS...
SO THAT YOU CAN COME BACK AT ANY TIME!!
YOU'RE ONLY LENDING IT TO ME...
I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS, KAZUYA.
!?
I'M SURE MY FATHER WOULD APPROVE.


OHHH... HEY, YOU THERE!! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!!
バタン…


HUH?
THERE'S NO NEED FOR CONCERN ANY-MORE.
SHE'S LOST HER HOPE AND HER WILL TO LIVE. AND SHE'S COMPLETELY LOST ALL HER VITALITY...
YOU SEE, I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT MRS KIMURA...

SHE'S GOING TO LIVE STRONG FROM NOW ON...

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CHAPTER 13

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SUPER DOCTOR
CHART 14:
A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

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HERE'S MY CONCLUSION...
NOW...
THAT'S THE END OF MY SLIDES!
AND THAT'S WHAT IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO

THE USE OF IMMATURE CEREBRAL TISSUE FROM FETUSES COULD BE HELPFUL IN THE TREATMENT OF CERTAIN BRAIN DISORDERS!
IN SHORT...
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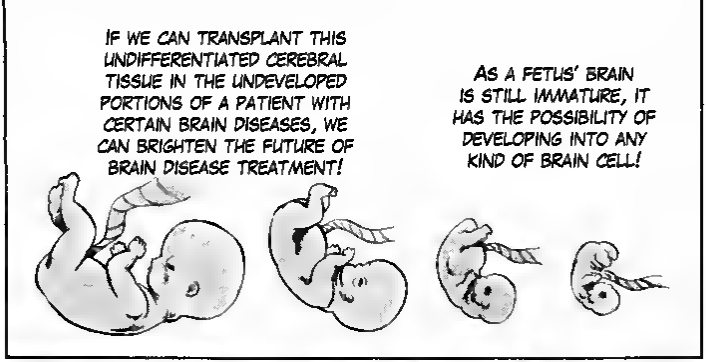
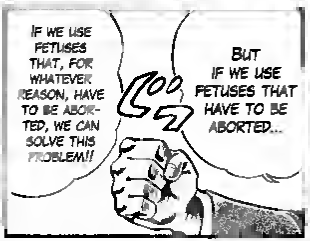
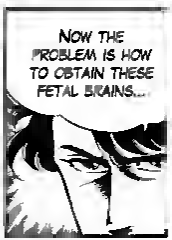
T THE USE OF FETUSES' BRAINS. !?
Seikai University
Asakura Yugo


IF WE CAN TRANSPLANT THIS UNDIFFERENTIATED CEREBRAL TISSUE IN THE UNDEVELOPED PORTIONS OF A PATIENT WITH CERTAIN BRAIN DISEASES, WE CAN BRIGHTEN THE FUTURE OF BRAIN DISEASE TREATMENT!
AS A FETUS' BRAIN IS STILL IMMATURE, IT HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING INTO ANY KIND OF BRAIN CELL!

I'VE BEEN ASAKURA YUGO FROM SEIKAI UNIVERSITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.


IF WE USE FETUSES THAT, FOR WHATEVER REASON, HAVE TO BE ABORTED, WE CAN SOLVE THIS PROBLEM!!
BUT IF WE USE FETUSES THAT HAVE TO BE ABORTED...


NOW THE PROBLEM IS HOW TO OBTAIN THESE FETAL BRAINS...

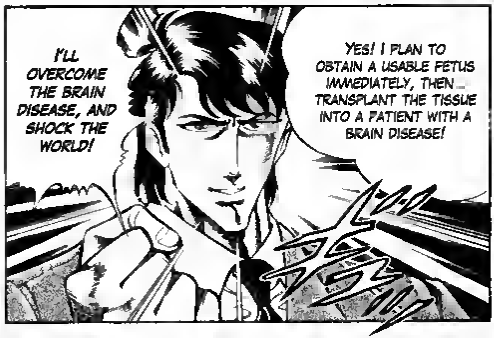
THIS WILL BE MANKIND'S GREATEST STEP IN MEDICAL PROGRESS!!
ONE SIMPLE SOLUTION CAN LEAD TO THE TREATMENT OF UNTREATABLE DISEASES!

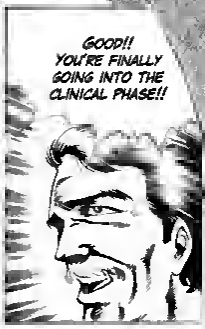
.....

YOUR FUTURE TENURE AS A PROFESSOR IS ALL BUT GUARANTEED AT THIS POINT!
THAT WAS AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION! I'M VERY PROUD TO HAVE A STUDENT LIKE YOU!

BESIDES, I STILL HAVE TO DO MY CLINICAL TESTS.
OH, HARDLY! I'M STILL JUST A FLEDGLING COMPARED TO YOU...

MR. ASAKURA! CAN I GET A PHOTOGRAPH?
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT !?
CAN WE AT LEAST GET A COMMENT, PLEASE!?


I'LL OVERCOME THE BRAIN DISEASE, AND SHOCK THE WORLD!
YES! I PLAN TO OBTAIN A USABLE FETUS IMMEDIATELY, THEN... TRANSPLANT THE TISSUE INTO A PATIENT WITH A BRAIN DISEASE!


GOOD!! YOU'RE FINALLY GOING INTO THE CLINICAL PHASE!!

I KNEW I CHOSE MY SUCCESSOR RIGHT!!
ASAHI
BRAIN DISEASE TREATMENT VIA FETAL BRAIN TRANSPLANT
AN ASSERTIVE VOICE FOR A TREATMENT METHOD
HISTORICAL PROGRESS
OHHHH... THAT SOUNDS PROMISING, ASAKURA!!

EVERYONE WAS SHOCKED BY MY PRESENTATION!
THAT SOUNDS SO PROMISING!

THE CONFERENCE WAS A SUCCESS.

AND I FOUND OUT I'M PREG-NANT!

I KNOW I CAN START THE BIGGEST MEDICAL SENSATION IN JAPAN NO, THE WORLD!
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE CLINICAL TEST! IF THAT SUCCEEDS...

THE GOOD NEWS JUST KEEPS COMING!!
WE'RE GONNA HAVE A CHILD...!?
HUH ...!?

WENT TO THE HOSPITAL TODAY..
OH... ALSO... I...

NOBODY CAN CATCH UP TO ME!
MY LIFE IS SMOOTH SAILING.. I CAN'T POSSIBLY BE HAPPIER THAN THIS!

I SEE... I'M FINALLY GOING TO BE A FATHER!!

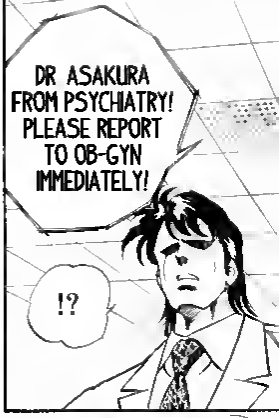
Seikai University Affiliated Hospital
A few months later…
!
W... WHO'S HE...!?
ARE YOU...
?
!

THAT YOU'RE ONE HELL OF A DRIFTER..!
FOR STARTERS...
WHAT KIND OF RUMORS?
OH?
THE DOCTOR THEY CALL K...?
I'VE HEARD RUMORS OF YOU.
HAHAHAHA... HAVE YOU SOMEHOW MISTAKEN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION FOR VOLUNTEER WORK?
AND YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BEING SOMEWHAT SKILLED TO SHOW UP IN FRONT OF PATIENTS RAVAGED WITH DISEASE, AND ADMINISTER TREATMENT LIKE SOME KIND OF HERO...
TO SAVE A PATIENT'S LIFE.
BESIDES... I WOULD GO ANYWHERE...
I'M TELLING YOU NOT TO INTRUDE ON OUR TERRITORY!!
BUT YOU'RE JUST A NUISANCE TO US!
WHAT!?
TAKASHINA!?
I ONLY CAME HERE TO TREAT A PATIENT ON TAKASHINA'S REQUEST.

WE ARE READY TO USE THAT ONE LIFE TO TREAT COUNTLESS OTHER PATIENTS!!
EVEN IF WE LOSE A SINGLE LIFE, IT WILL NOT GO TO WASTE!
WE CAN HEAL MASSES OF PEOPLE WITH THE INSTITUTION OF HOSPITALS!!
AND JUST WHAT CAN YOU DO ALONE!?
BETWEEN SAVING ONE LIFE AND SAVING A HUNDRED?
IS THERE REALLY ANY DIFFERENCE
HUH?
THE LOGIC OF THE THESIS YOU WROTE.
THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE...
BUT HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE FETUS?
I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE THINKING
TREATING BRAIN DISEASES BY USING FETAL BRAINS... CORRECT?
ASAKURA YUGO...
HEY, ASA-KURA!!
WELL...
MEDICINE

HUH?
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
I READ YOUR THESIS! THAT WAS PRETTY AMAZING...
WHY, YOU..
TAKASHINA!!
HEY! LONG TIME NO SEE!
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TREAT ANY AND ALL PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED HERE!!
WE SHOULDN'T BE SEEKING THE AID OF THIS DRIFTER!!
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A SEIKAI ALUMNUS!?
HUH?
YOU BROUGHT IN AN OUTSIDER TO SEIKAI UNIVERSITY...
IF I CAN TREAT UNTREATABLE DISEASES AT THE COST OF A SINGLE LIFE, I'D CHOOSE THAT! THAT'S HOW I DO THINGS!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH USING A FETUS THAT HAS TO BE ABORTED ANYWAY!?
AND LET ME MAKE THIS PERFECTLY CLEAR!
NOW LISTEN! YOU BRING HIM IN HERE AGAIN, AND OUR FRIENDSHIP IS OFF!!
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?

SOON, THE DAY WILL COME WHEN OUTDATED DOCTORS LIKE YOU BECOME OBSOLETE...
THE DAYS WHERE WE FOCUS ALL OUR EFFORTS ON A SINGLE PATIENT ARE OVER!

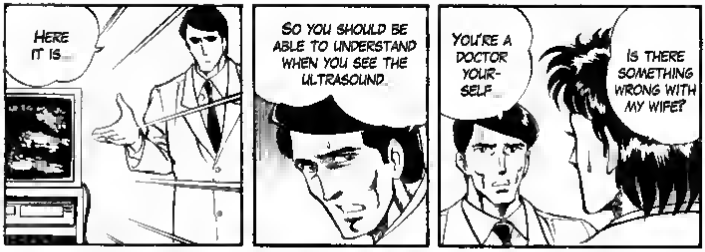

DR ASAKURA FROM PSYCHIATRY! PLEASE REPORT TO OB-GYN IMMEDIATELY!
!?

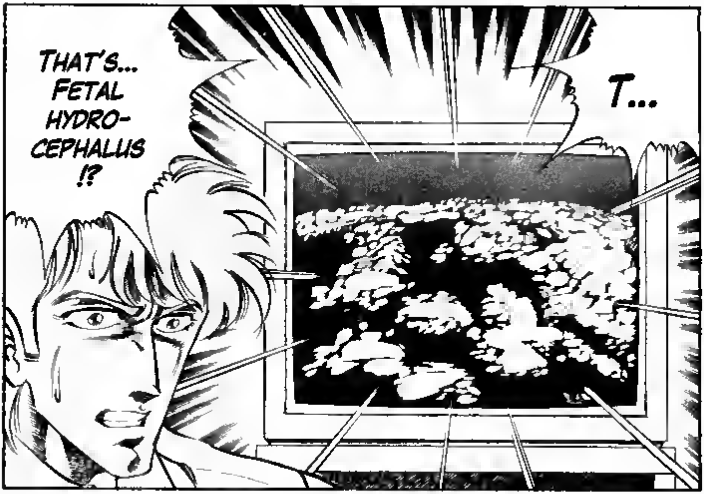
HUH?
SEE YOU, TAKASHINA! COME BY FOR A VISIT SOMETIME!

HUH?
QUITE THE FRIEND YOU'VE GOT THERE...
OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY
I DON'T HAVE A CLUE..
W-WHAT JUST HAPPE-NED?

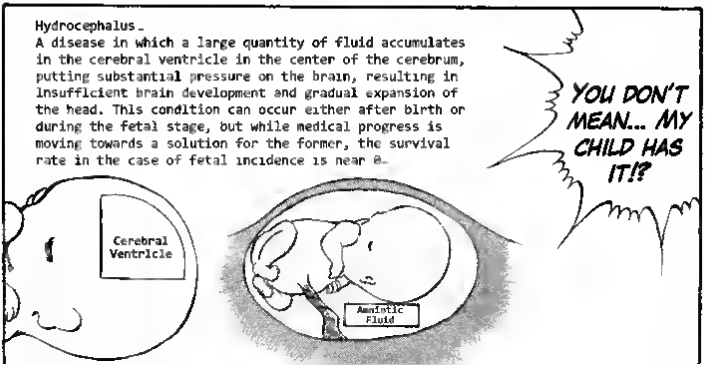
WHAT'S THE MATTER, YOSHIKO ?
HONEY...

PARDON ME... IT'S ASAKURA..
!


HERE IT IS...
SO YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU SEE THE ULTRASOUND.
YOU'RE A DOCTOR YOURSELF...
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY WIFE?



Hydrocephalus.
A disease in which a large quantity of fluid accumulates in the cerebral ventricle in the center of the cerebrum, putting substantial pressure on the brain, resulting in insufficient brain development and gradual expansion of the head. This condition can occur either after birth or during the fetal stage, but while medical progress is moving towards a solution for the former, the survival rate in the case of fetal incidence is near 0.



NO...
AHHH HH!!
THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE ...!
I'M AFRAID NOT. .
IT CAN'T BE...
WHY MY CHILD ...!?
YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY
IT'S SUCH A SERIOUS CONDITION. THAT EVEN IF HE'S BROUGHT TO TERM, HE WOULDN'T SURVIVE A DAY OUTSIDE THE WOMB.
I SEE. FETAL HYDROCEP-HALUS...
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY TO HEAR THAT.
LET'S TRY AND LOOK AT IT IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT.
BUT ASAKURA,

SO WHAT BETTER LUCK THAN THIS?
YOUR THESIS WAS ABOUT TISSUE TRANSPLANT FROM FETAL BRAINS
!!
WHY DON'T YOU USE THE FETUS' BRAIN...
FOR YOUR CLINICAL TEST?
FOR MY CLINICAL TEST...?
YOU WANT ME TO USE MY CHILD.
SHOULDN'T YOU CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE HIM TO YOUR TEST AND PIONEER THE WAY TO TREATING COUNTLESS MORE PATIENTS?
HE WON'T LAST A DAY OUTSIDE THE WOMB ANYWAY.
THEN THE TRAGEDY THAT STRUCK YOUR CHILD WILL TURN AROUND AND BE USEFUL.
IF YOUR TEST SUCCEEDS USING YOUR CHILD'S BRAIN,
NO!!
IT WILL LEAD TO THE UNIVERSITY'S PRESTIGE
THEN IF YOU ANNOUNCE THAT AT THE CONFERENCE,

HE WON'T LAST A DAY OUTSIDE THE WOMB...
BUT.. THIS IS FETAL HYDRO-CEPHALUS...
I DON'T WANT OUR BABY USED FOR ANY TESTS...!!
I WON'T HAVE IT!!
KILLING HIM AND USING HIM IN A TEST IS JUST TREATING HIM LIKE AN ANIMAL...
I'LL HAVE THE BABY! ISN'T HE OUR FIRST CHILD!?
ONE DAY OUGHT TO BE ENOUGH !!
THIS IS EXACTLY THE BRAIN YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! IF HE WON'T LAST A DAY, THIS IS THE PATH YOU SHOULD CHOOSE.
DAMMIT...
ビ"ボ ビ"ボ
WELL... I FEEL THE SAME AS YOU...!

MEDICAL OFFICE
THAT'S JUST HOW I'VE BEEN DOING THINGS ALL ALONG!!
AND OF COURSE... IF COUNTLESS LIVES CAN BE SAVED WITH ONE SACRIFICE...
IT'S TRUE THAT I OWE THE PROFESSOR...
AND HE LOOKS PALE... IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIM?
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH DR. ASAKURA? HE SEEMS REALLY OUT OF IT...
...
BUT.. MY WIFE HASN'T CONSENTED YET...
...
YOU NEED TO HURRY, ASAKURA! YOU'RE A DOCTOR! YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT!
THE OPERATION WILL BE AT THREE O'CLOCK.
YOUR WIFE GLADLY CONSENTED WHEN I SPOKE TO HER ABOUT YOUR FUTURE.
REST ASSURED
!!

I CAN'T...
THREE O'CLOCK! ...GOT THAT?
STOP !!
I JUST... CAN'T LET MY CHILD DIE...
!
DON'T KILL MY CHILD!
!?
STOP THE OPERA-TION!!
OPERAT

A-ASA-KURA...
!!
PERFORMED THE CAESA-REAN SEC-TION..!!
Caesarean section…
A method of making an incision into the abdomen and the pregnant uterus to remove the fetus.
I'M TOO LATE...
THEY'VE ALREADY
BE KILLED... FOR MY TESTS...
AHHH... I'VE... LET MY OWN CHILD...
NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND HOW IT FEELS TO BE THE VICTIM...?
!!
ARE YOU...!?
WHO ARE YOU!?

K!!

BUT OUTSIDERS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED! NOW GET OUT!!
DR. ASAKURA IS ONE THING..

TAKASHINA FILLED ME IN ON THE SITUATION..

NNNGH.. WE'RE TOO LATE.. AND WE CAME AS FAST AS WE COULD, TOO
AII-EEE...

YOU'RE THE ONES WHO ARE GETTING OUT!!
THE OPERATING ROOM IS A PLACE TO SAVE LIVES, NOT END THEM!!

NO...

HE'LL BE SAFE IF WE SUTURE HER IMMEDIATELY!!
BUT THEY HAVEN'T MADE AN INCISION INTO THE UTERINE WALL YET! THE FETUS IS STILL ALIVE!!
DON'T PANIC. THEY'VE PERFORMED THE CAESARIAN SECTION...
SAVE MY CHILD!!
PLEASE, K... PLEASE...
ASAKURA!! YOU'RE A DOCTOR, AREN'T YOU? GET INTO YOUR SCRUBS!!
YES! I KNOW!!
TAKASHINA! WE NEED TO DO THIS, STAT!!
DON'T HARM THE UTERUS!!
PREP THE NEEDLE !!
I'VE PREPPED THE SUTURING SET!!
NOW WATCH AND SEE HOW I DO THINGS.
YOU'VE FINALLY REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF A SINGLE LIFE.

W...WHAT INCREDIBLE CONTROL...
ALRIGHT... IT'S A SUCCESS...
ASAKURA!! THE FETUS IS SAFE!!
THANK GOOD-NESS...
I WANT TO GIVE MY CHILD LIFE... EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR ONE DAY... OR EVEN ONE HOUR...
EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR A DAY.. OR AN HOUR... I WANT TO BE HIS FATHER!!
ASAKURA...
I MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE YOUR CHILD A LONGER LIFE...
HUH!?

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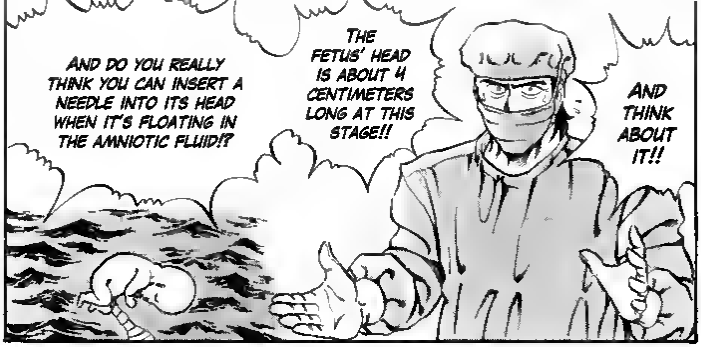
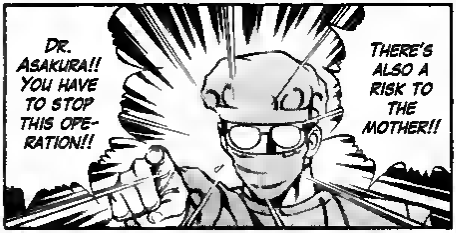
CHAPTER 14

CHART 15: THE WEIGHT OF LIFE

A FETUS WITH HYDRO-CEPHALUS...
MAY BE ABLE TO HAVE A HEALTHY BIRTH...!?
YOU DON'T MEAN THAT!?
WHAT HYDRO-CEPHALUS IS. THINK ABOUT IT CALMLY
BEING THE DOCTORS THAT YOU ARE, YOU SHOULD KNOW
YOU CAN'T TREAT FETAL HYDRO-CEPHALUS
BUT THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
is where more cerebrospinal fluid than necessary accumulates in the cerebral ventricle… and that inhibits the growth of brain cells…
Cerebral Ventricle
HYDRO-CEPHALUS.

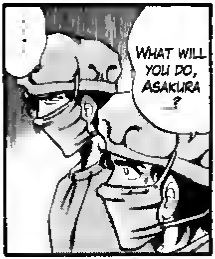
AND RELIEVE THE CEREBROSPINAL FLUID ACCUMULATION!
WE WILL STICK A NEEDLE INTO THE FETUS' CEREBRAL VENTRICLE...
CORRECT.
SO IF WE CAN REMOVE THE EXCESS CEREBROSPINAL FLUID...!!
IT'S TOO RISKY, IN THE FIRST PLACE!!
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH AN OPERATION !!
W... WAIT!
!!
TCH!!
YOU ABANDONED YOUR PATIENT... SO STAY OUT OF THIS!
NNN NGH.
T. THIS IS THE SEIKAI UNIVERSITY OPERATING ROOM!!
YOU OUTSIDERS SHOULD SHUT UP!!


AND DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN INSERT A NEEDLE INTO ITS HEAD WHEN IT'S FLOATING IN THE AMNIOTIC FLUID!?
THE FETUS' HEAD IS ABOUT 4 CENTIMETERS LONG AT THIS STAGE!!
AND THINK ABOUT IT!!


DR. ASAKURA!! YOU HAVE TO STOP THIS OPE-RATION!!
THERE'S ALSO A RISK TO THE MOTHER!!

AND DIRECTLY INSERT THE NEEDLE INTO THE FETUS' BRAIN, IT COULD DIE!!
IF YOU MAKE ONE WRONG MOVE .

I KNOW JUST HOW DANGEROUS THIS OPERATION IS
I KNOW...


...
WHAT WILL YOU DO, ASAKURA ?

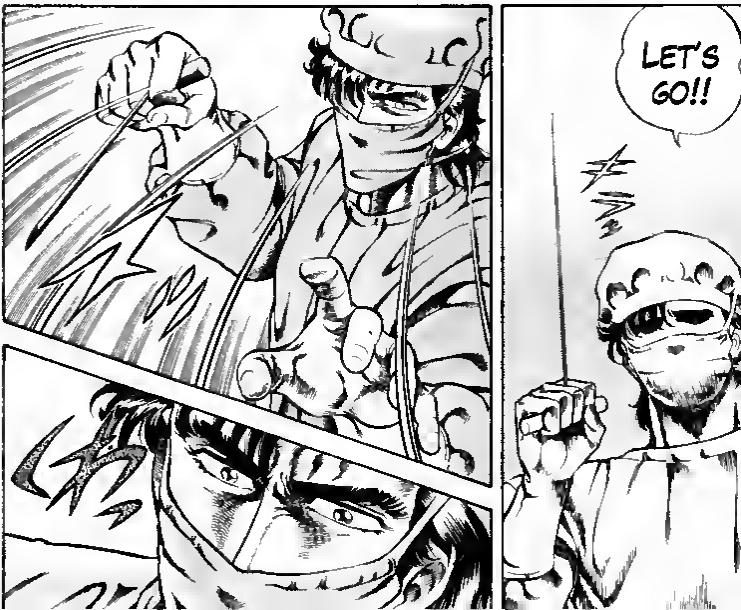
.....

BUT

I...
TRUST YOU.
.....
AL-RIGHT
OKAY ...!!
I'LL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS OPERATION!!
ANY OPPOSI-TION, GET OUT OF HERE!
THE TWO OF US WILL SUPPORT K!!
I WILL NOW EX-PLAIN THE PROCE-DURE!!
WE WILL INSERT A NEEDLE INTO THE FETUS' BRAIN WITH THE ULTRASOUND AS A REFERENCE...
AND DRAIN THE EXCESS CEREBROSPINAL FLUID THAT IS HINDERING THE BRAIN'S DEVE-LOPMENT!!

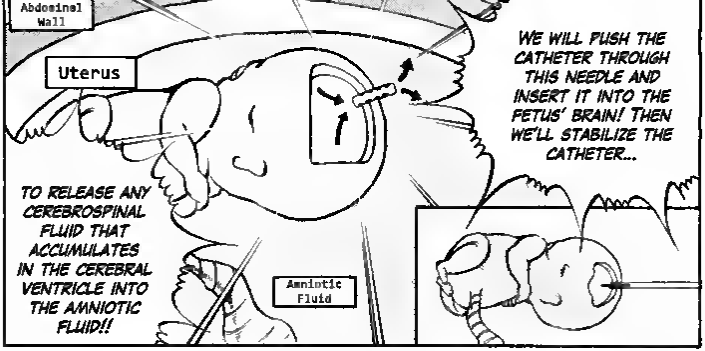
WE HAVE TO INSERT A NEEDLE INTO THE 40CM-LONG CROWN, WITH ONLY THIS IMAGE TO GO ON...
PREP THE ULTRA-SOUND!!
OKAY!!!

OF A SAFE BIRTH AND A TRAGEDY...
IT'S LIKE WE'RE TEETERING ON THE EDGE.


LET'S GO!!

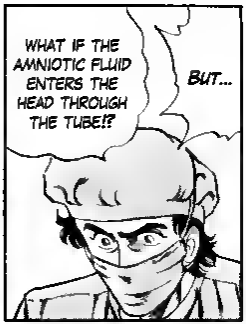
CONFIRM THE NEEDLE ON THE SCREEN!!
ABOUT TWO CENTIMETERS TOWARDS THE THORAX!!
THIS IS A TOUGH JOB EVEN FOR PROFESSIONALS... AND WE HAVE TO RELY ON THIS?
BUT.. THIS ULTRASOUND IS EXTREMELY BLURRY...
ANOTHER 0.3 MILLIMETERS
TRUST IN MY FINGERS!!
IT'S MY OWN FINGERS THAT ARE GRASPING THE NEEDLE!!
THE ULTRASOUND ISN'T THE LAST THING I HAVE TO RELY ON...
ALRIGHT! HERE!!

PU SHU !!
!!
*Catheter = A thin tube
HE SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED THE CEREBROSPI-NAL FLUID!!
I-IT'S OUT!!
EVEN IF HE DRAINS IT NOW, THE FLUID WILL ACCUMULATE AGAIN!
R-RIGHT... HE HASN'T COMPLETELY TREATED HIM YET!!
PREP A CATHETER*!!
I NEED A TUBE THINNER THAN THIS NEEDLE!
WE'LL USE THAT AS A CATHETER!!


Abdominal Wall
Uterus
TO RELEASE ANY CEREBROSPINAL FLUID THAT ACCUMULATES IN THE CEREBRAL VENTRICLE INTO THE AMNIOTIC FLUID!!
Amniotic Fluid
WE WILL PUSH THE CATHETER THROUGH THIS NEEDLE AND INSERT IT INTO THE FETUS' BRAIN! THEN WE'LL STABILIZE THE CATHETER...

JUST TO BE SAFE, I'VE PUT A VALVE ON THE CATHETER.
GOOD THINKING, ASAKURA... BESIDES...
ALRIGHT... STABILIZING THE CATHETER!!
Uterus
Amniotic Fluid
Cerebral Ventricle

THE CEREBROSPINAL FLUID HAS A HIGHER OSMOTIC PRESSURE THAN THE AMNIOTIC FLUID, SO IT WON'T FLOW THAT WAY!!


WHAT IF THE AMNIOTIC FLUID ENTERS THE HEAD THROUGH THE TUBE!?
BUT...

IT WON'T ...!!

OPERATION COMPLETE!!

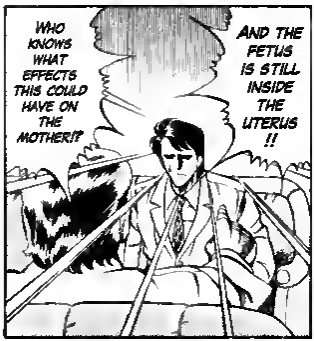
IS THE FETUS SAFE!?
I DON'T... SEE ANY ABNORMALITIES!!
THE MOTHER'S ALL CLEAR, TOO!!
IT'S A SUCCESS
T-THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE PERFORMED IT SO QUICK WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT...
AND THIS WAS AN OPERATION THAT REQUIRED INCREDIBLE PRECISION!!
WE DID IT... THANK GOODNESS, ASAKURA!!
THE FETUS IS SAFE!! YOUR CHILD CAN BE BORN HEALTHY!!
I WASN'T EVEN THIS SHAKEN UP THE FIRST TIME I OPERATED...
THIS MUST BE THE WEIGHT OF LIFE...
I'M TREMBLING...
I'VE NEVER FELT THIS WAY BEFORE

!
SO YOU FINALLY CAUGHT ON.
OF THE STARTING POINT AND MOST IMPORTANT THING IN MEDICINE.
I WAS SO FIXATED ON MY OWN SUCCESS, THAT I MUST HAVE LOST SIGHT
I HOPE THAT AS A DOCTOR, YOU NEVER FORGET HOW YOU FEEL NOW...
BUT NOW THAT YOU REALIZE IT, THERE AREN'T MANY DOCTORS AS EXCELLENT AS YOU.
...K...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE!?
PROFESSOR'S OFFICE

You've ruined the university's reputation!!

Not only did you allow K into the operating room...
But you even assisted K's operation!!

It's still a fact that K's operation saved my child...
But...


Who knows what effects this could have on the mother!?
And the fetus is still inside the uterus!!

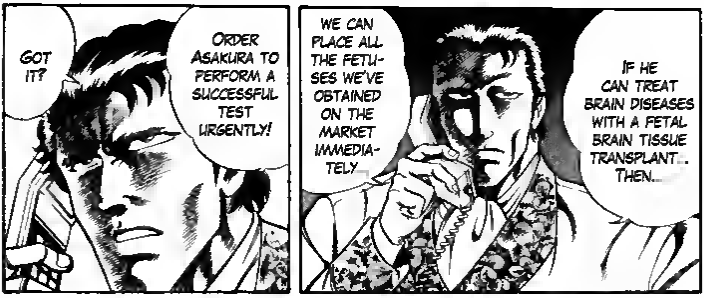
And I've never heard of anyone inserting a catheter into a fetus' cerebral ventricle!!
Hmpf!! What are you talking about!? He only drained the cerebrospinal fluid!!

Will you... shut up!!
But they haven't found anything abnormal in any of the following periodic check-ups...

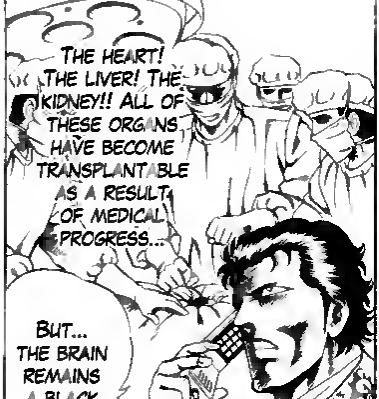
DO YOU INTEND TO PASS UP ON YOUR FUTURE TENURE?
HMM MM?
YOU'VE BLOWN YOUR CHANCE AT TESTING YOUR FETAL BRAIN TISSUE TRANSPLANT!!
THIS WILL DRASTICALLY DELAY THE COMPLETION OF YOUR THESIS!!
SO THAT'S FINE BY ME...
MY CHILD WAS SAVED AS A RESULT OF THIS.
I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE BRIGHTER THAN THIS.
ASAKURA.
NNNGH ...!?
FORGET IT! GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!!

ハンドン
TCH!!
PHEWWW
!?
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY ASAKURA'S CLINICAL TEST HAS BEEN DELAYED.
SOME DRIFTER NAMED K TALKED HIM OUT OF IT... AND HE CHOSE TO TREAT THE FETUS INSTEAD OF USING IT FOR HIS TEST...
I DIDN'T PEG YOU FOR A MAN WHO'D MAKE EXCUSES.

I THOUGHT YOU TOLD ME THAT ASAKURA YUGO'S TESTS WERE ALREADY IN PROGRESS, DID YOU NOT...?


GOT IT?
ORDER ASAKURA TO PERFORM A SUCCESSFUL TEST URGENTLY!
WE CAN PLACE ALL THE FETUSES WE'VE OBTAINED ON THE MARKET IMMEDIATELY...
IF HE CAN TREAT BRAIN DISEASES WITH A FETAL BRAIN TISSUE TRANSPLANT... THEN...

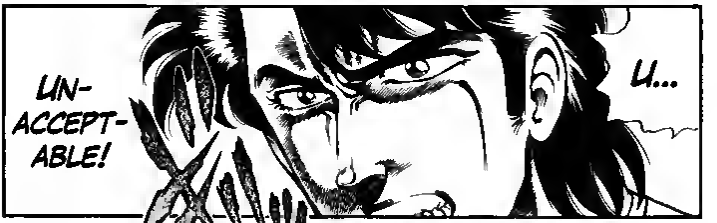
WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT...!?
MARKET ....!?
I INTEND TO COOPERATE WITH THE MARKET ON ALL FRONTS!
YES! I UNDERSTAND. .


THE HEART! THE LIVER! THE KIDNEY!! ALL OF THESE ORGANS HAVE BECOME TRANSPLANTABLE AS A RESULT OF MEDICAL PROGRESS...
BUT... THE BRAIN REMAINS A BLACK BOX...

NOW THAT ORGAN TRANSPLANTS HAVE BECOME MORE AND MORE STANDARDIZED...
THERE IS NOTHING AS PROMISING AS THIS...
THAT IS WHY WE HAVE FORMED A SYNDICATE FOR THE ILLICIT TRADE OF ORGANS!!

THEN WE CAN EVEN USE ABORTED FETUSES AS MATERIAL!!
BUT IF ASAKURA'S EXPERIMENT SUCCEEDS...

AND PUT THOSE FETUSES ON THE MARKET!!
I'LL HAVE HIM SUCCEED IN HIS TEST
!!



Then... the days passed...

UMMM MMGH
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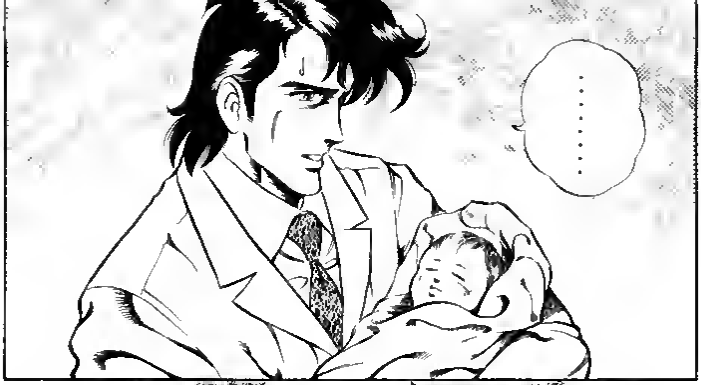
YOU'RE NOT THE ONE BECOMING A FATHER HERE.
CALM DOWN, TAKASHI-NA.
.....
I KNOW, BUT...
I'M JUST WORRIED IF HE'LL BE SAFE..
HAS HE REALLY BEEN TREATED...?
OH .. SORRY.
I TRUST K...
IT'S ALRIGHT...

I GUESS EVEN A GUY LIKE YOU CAN GET NERVOUS.
SHUT UP!
URK..
YOU PUT YOUR CIGARETTE IN THE WRONG WAY.
WAAA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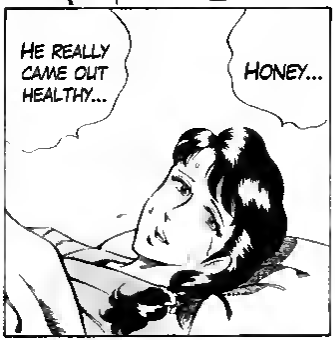
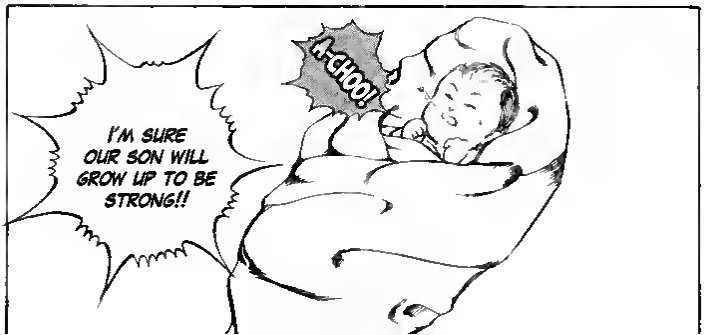
BECOME A FATHER...
I'VE...

YEAH!! YOU DID GREAT!!
K... REALLY HEALED HIM!!


HE REALLY CAME OUT HEALTHY...
HONEY...


A-choo!
I'M SURE OUR SON WILL GROW UP TO BE STRONG!!

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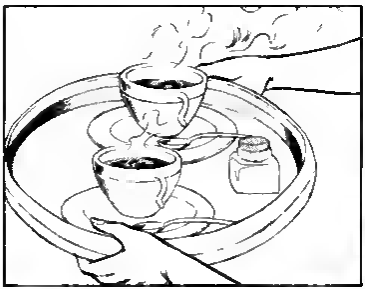
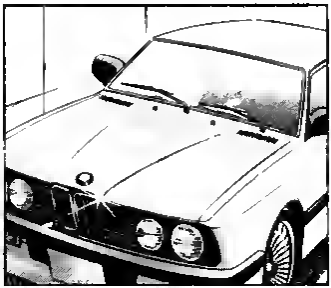
SUPER DOCTOR
CHART 16:
THE MAN WHO BUYS LIFE





OH... THANKS...
DARLING! COFFEE'S READY!

ARE YOU ASKING FOR FAVORS AGAIN!? YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T!
WHAT IS IT, KIYOFUMI?
CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A MINUTE..?
HEY, DAD...
ヒョコ!!
DIDN'T I JUST BUY YOU A BMW!?
I KINDA WANT A PORSCHE.
YOU SHOULD'VE ASKED FOR A PORSCHE IN THE FIRST PLACE!!
OH, COME ON!! YOU'RE HOPELESS!
AND IT'S SO EMBARRASSING!!
YEAH, BUT MY CLASSMATES ARE MAKING FUN OF MY BMW
HE STILL HASN'T GROWN UP. WHAT AM I GONNA DO WITH HIM?
THANK YOU, FATHER!!
YES, YES, I KNOW!
AS MY SUCCESSOR AS SOON AS YOU GRADUATE FROM UNIVERSITY!!
FINE! BUT IN RETURN, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK HARD

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THE YOMIGAI SHIMBUN
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中華太閤 高輪店
料理絶品!?
白大王ではありません。

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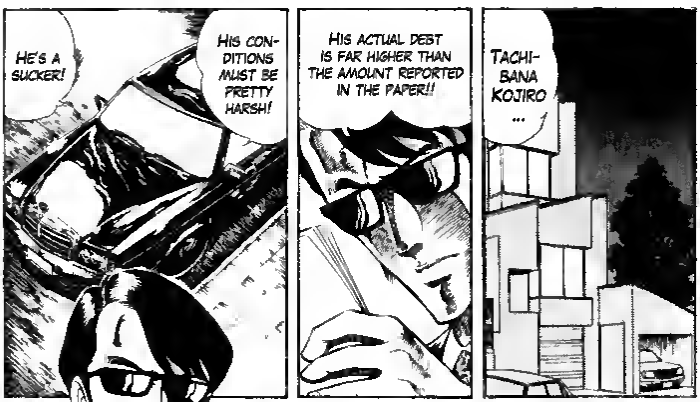
STRONG YEN AND ONE-MAN MANAGEMENT AT FAULT

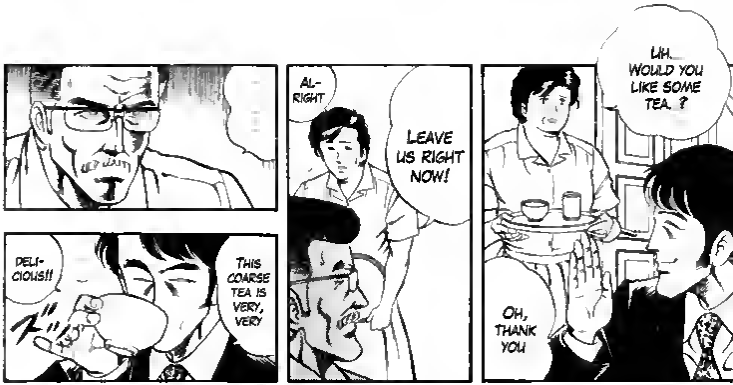
SURGE OF CREDITORS LIABILITIES OVER 300 MILLION

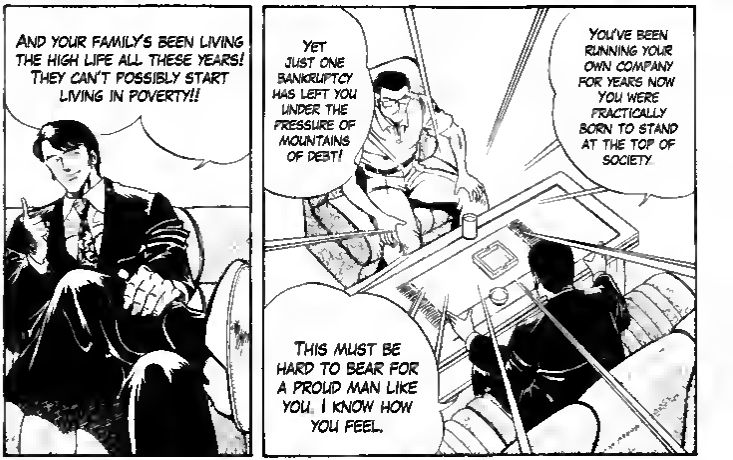

HE'S A SUCKER!
HIS CONDITIONS MUST BE PRETTY HARSH!
HIS ACTUAL DEBT IS FAR HIGHER THAN THE AMOUNT REPORTED IN THE PAPER!!
TACHIBANA KOJIRO ...
AND WE'LL HAVE HIM IN THE BAG!
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FOR ME TO WORK MY MAGIC...
WHAT BETTER TARGET DO WE HAVE THAN HIM!?

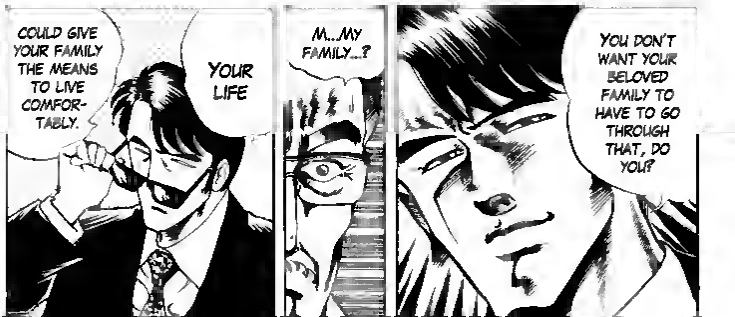
TOTAL DEBT OF APPROXI-MATELY 500 MILLION...
PHEW.
NO, I AT LEAST HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE REMAINING WORK MYSELF
YOU SHOULDN'T PUSH YOURSELF SO HARD...
BUT BE PRESSURED IN TO SO MUCH DEBT...!!
TO THINK THAT I WOULD NOT ONLY DECLARE BANKRUPTCY...
I PROMISE... THAT I'LL MAKE THIS MONEY!!
I KNOW!!
WELL... AT LEAST YOU COULD COVER MY TUITION...
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU...
HEY, DAD...
HOW COULD YOU!? DO YOU EVEN REALIZE THE SITUATION YOUR FATHER IS IN!?
BUT WHEN'S MY PORSCHE COMING!?

IS YOUR HUSBAND HOME?
ニヨッ
WHO'S THERE ?
ピンポーン
WHAT !?
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU
I CAME HERE UPON HEARING OF YOUR CURRENT CRISIS
!!
YOUR LOAN... IS REPORTED AS THREE HUNDRED MILLION IN THE PAPERS, BUT I'M GUESSING IT'S CLOSER TO FIVE HUNDRED MILLION, CORRECT?
FROM A COMPLETE AND UTTER STRANGER !!
I NEVER ASKED FOR SYMPATHY...
THAT'S NOT AN AMOUNT YOU CAN HANDLE ALONE, NOW IS IT?
NOW I HAVE A DEAL FOR YOU.
I'VE DONE A LITTLE DIGGING.
NOW, NOW...

Y...You don't mean... you want me to die and collect life insurance...!?
How would you like to sell your life?
Oh, no... nothing so risky.
We're just offering...
to buy your organs.
It's a quick and easy way to make money!
Correct! We're with the organ trade!!
Huh ...!?
O-organs ...!?


UH... WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA, ?
OH, THANK YOU
AL-RIGHT
LEAVE US RIGHT NOW!
DELI-CIOUS!!
THIS COARSE TEA IS VERY, VERY


AND YOUR FAMILY'S BEEN LIVING THE HIGH LIFE ALL THESE YEARS! THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY START LIVING IN POVERTY!!
YET JUST ONE BANKRUPTCY HAS LEFT YOU UNDER THE PRESSURE OF MOUNTAINS OF DEBT!
YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING YOUR OWN COMPANY FOR YEARS NOW YOU WERE PRACTICALLY BORN TO STAND AT THE TOP OF SOCIETY.
THIS MUST BE HARD TO BEAR FOR A PROUD MAN LIKE YOU. I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.


COULD GIVE YOUR FAMILY THE MEANS TO LIVE COMFOR-TABLY.
YOUR LIFE
M...MY FAMILY...?
YOU DON'T WANT YOUR BELOVED FAMILY TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT, DO YOU?

IF YOU'LL JUST DIE!
AND I KNOW YOU'RE FAMOUS FOR PAMPERING YOUR SON.
YOU WON'T HAVE TO CAUSE YOUR SON ANY MORE CONCERN!!
SEE
JUST DRINK THIS!!
THAT'S SIMPLE! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS COMMIT SUICIDE!
B...BUT HOW DO I...?
THIS DEAL IS IN BOTH OF OUR BEST INTERESTS!
HARVEST YOUR ORGANS WHILE THEY'RE STILL FRESH, AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE FULFILLED!
AS SOON AS YOU'RE DEAD, WE'LL COME IN

SO, ABOUT MY TUITION...
!!
HEY, DAD!!
K-KIYO-FUMI...
DAD...
I'VE DECIDED TO WORK PART-TIME!!
I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE!!
W..WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH DAD..? HE'S GETTING ALL WORKED UP..
?
LISTEN!! YOU MUSTN'T LOSE YOUR PRIDE! YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH YOUR HEAD HELD HIGH!!
YOU'RE THE HEIR OF THE TACHIBANA FAMILY...!!
W..WHOA, WHOA..
K-KIYO-FUMI!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT!! I'LL MAKE SOME MONEY FOR YOU!!
BUT...

I'VE RAISED YOU AS A TYPICAL SHELTERED BOY WHO KNOWS NOTHING OF TROUBLE...
YOU'RE THE ONE I'M MOST WORRIED ABOUT
KIYO-FUMI...
IS TO SELL MYSELF AND LEAVE YOU WITH THE MONEY...
THE ONLY THING I CAN DO FOR YOU...
I JUST HAVE TO DRINK THIS...!!
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...
I...
REMEMBER, DRINK THAT AT 2:00 SHARP TODAY!

AND I'VE FINALLY...
DECIDED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT!
I'VE DISCOVERED SOMETHING TERRIBLE.
K...
ASAKURA...
WHAT.? AN ORGAN-TRAFFICKING MARKET!?
I'M SURE OF IT! I HEARD MY PROFESSOR TALK ABOUT IT ON THE PHONE!!
MY PRO-FESSOR...
IS BUILDING AN ORGAN-TRAFFICKING MARKET!!
NNGH.
WAS SO THAT HE COULD SELL FETUSES ON THE MARKET FOR PROFIT AS WELL!!
THE REASON HE BACKED MY RESEARCH ON FETAL BRAIN TISSUE TRANSPLANTS..

I HAVE TO PUT AN END TO IT MYSELF...!!
IF WHAT ASAKURA SAID IS TRUE...
THEN IT'S ABSOLUTELY... UNACCEPTABLE...!!
UNN-NGH..
!?
WAIT! THERE'S A PASSERBY!!
HEHEHE... THAT WAS AN EASY DEAL.
2:05...
LET'S WAIT FOR HIM TO LEAVE
TIME TO GO "COLLECT"
THE DRUG'S PROBABLY KICKED IN BY NOW.

LINNN-GGGHH...
!!
I'M SURE...
THAT I JUST HEARD SOME-BODY GROAN IN PAIN...
I KNEW IT...
HE'S.. TRYING TO RUN INTO TACHIBANA'S HOUSE!!
W... WHAT !?
IT'S COMING FROM THIS HOUSE!!
NNGH... IT'S LOCKED ...!!

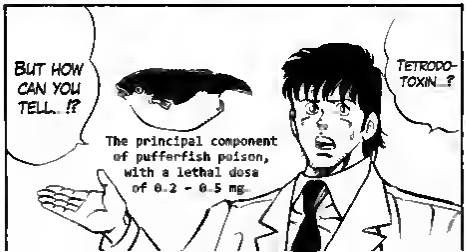
HUH!?
THIS IS...
SUICIDE BY POISONING!!

THIS WAS UNEXPECTED.. I NEVER THOUGHT ANYONE WOULD STEAL OUR PREY..!!
T...THIS HAS GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE... HE'S GONE AND CALLED AN AMBULANCE...

*Respiratory failure = Being unable to breathe

IT'S A POISONING CASE, RIGHT!?
WE GOT YOUR CALL!!
INTUBATE* HIM AND ENSURE HIS RESPIRATION!!
HE'S SUFFERING FROM RESPIRATORY FAILURE!

*Intubation = To insert vinyl tubes to carry air or anesthetic



I SEE!! SO THE ONLY POISON THAT PARALYZES THE BREATHING ALONE...
IS TETRODO-TOXIN!!
HIS RESPIRATORY FAILURE MEANS THAT IT'S A POISON THAT PARALYZES THE NERVOUS CENTER...
WHAT'S MORE, THERE'S NO ABNORMALITIES IN ANY OF HIS INTERNAL ORGANS!!
AND YOU FIGURED THAT OUT AT FIRST GLANCE...
ONCE WE'VE ENSURED RESPIRATION, WE HAVE TO ACTIVATE HIS METABOLISM WITH AN IV DRIP AND COUNTER-ACT THE POISON!
WE'VE DONE WHAT WE CAN...
IT'S ALL DOWN TO LUCK NOW...
NO...
MY HUSBAND WOULDN'T COMMIT SUICIDE!!
I MEAN... HE HAD JUST SAID HE WAS EXPECTING US TO EARN A FORTUNE!!
A FORTUNE?
YOU MEAN... HE COMMITTED SUICIDE TO COLLECT LIFE INSURANCE!?
MY HUSBAND DOESN'T HAVE A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY!!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
HE WOULD NEVER COMMIT SUICIDE AND LEAVE HIS ONLY SON BEHIND!!
BESIDES, MY HUSBAND HAS A STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY!!
NOT TO MENTION THAT THE POISON WASN'T A PESTICIDE OR ARSENIC, BUT THE LESS-ACCESSIBLE TETRODOTOXIN...
WHY WOULD A MAN ABOUT TO COME INTO A FORTUNE COMMIT SUICIDE...?
DID THEY FOLLOW THE AMBULANCE HERE?
NNGH ....!?
THE MEN WHO WERE WAITING OUTSIDE THE HOUSE!?
ARE THEY...
K!! I'VE DISCOVERED SOMETHING TERRIBLE!!

IT'S ALL COMING TOGETHER!!
AND THOSE MEN...
HE COMMITTED SUICIDE. BUT NOT FOR INSURANCE...
HE WAS ABOUT TO COME INTO A FORTUNE..
THIS MAN WAS ABOUT TO SELL HIS ORGANS...!!
AND THE POISON WAS TETRODO-TOXIN, WHICH WOULDN'T AFFECT HIS ORGANS !!
BUT THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS FINANCIAL SITUATION...!!
IT WOULD BE ONE THING IF HE VOLUNTEERED HIS ORGANS...
I WILL SAVE THIS MAN... NO!! I HAVE TO SAVE THIS MAN!!
THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!!
KUH
KEEE!!

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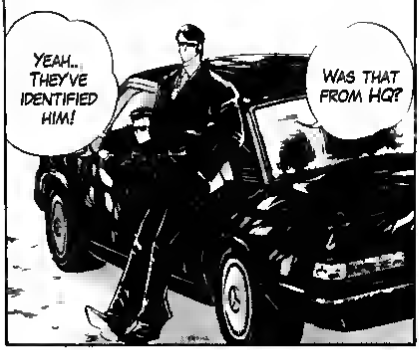
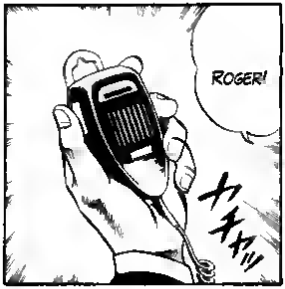
CHAPTER 16

CHART 17: ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION

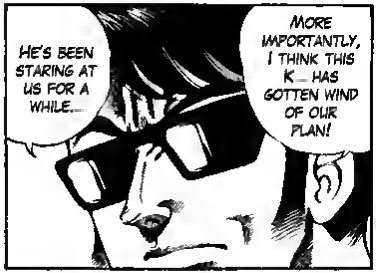
NNGH...
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! THIS MAN...
WAS ABOUT TO SELL HIS ORGANS!!

THIS POOR MAN...
WAS GOING TO THROW AWAY HIS LIFE FOR MONEY !!
I SWEAR THAT I WILL PRONOUNCE...
YOUR JUDGMENT!!

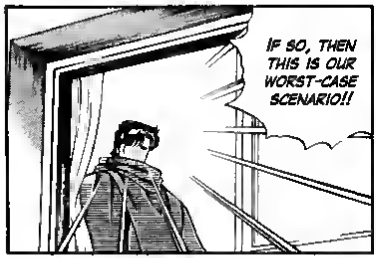

YEAH... THEY'VE IDENTIFIED HIM!
WAS THAT FROM HQ?


ROGER!

HE'S AN INCREDIBLY SKILLED AND PRODIGIOUS SURGEON WHO SHOWS UP ALL OVER THE PLACE!
HIS NAME'S K!!

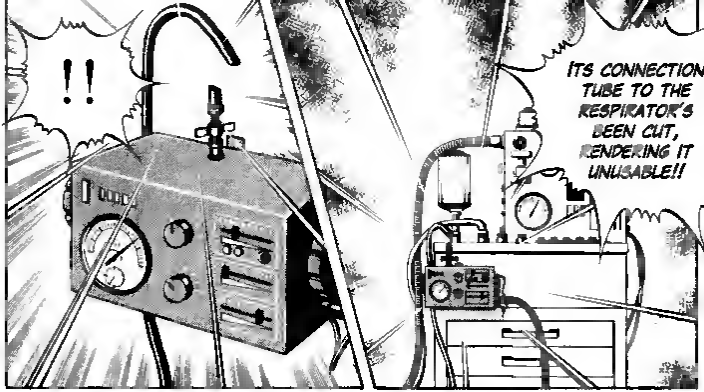

HE'S BEEN STARING AT US FOR A WHILE...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, I THINK THIS K... HAS GOTTEN WIND OF OUR PLAN!

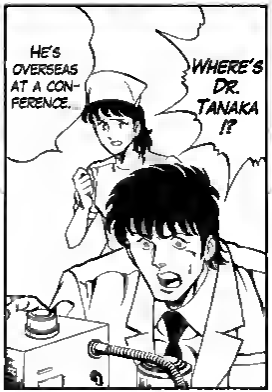
SEEMS LIKE HE WAS WRAPPED UP IN THE SUDDEN DEATH OF PRESIDENT OKAWAUCHI OF JONAN UNIVERSITY... WORD IS, HE EVEN GAVE OKAWAUCHI'S RIGHT-HAND MAN HASHIZUME THE SLIP.


IF SO, THEN THIS IS OUR WORST-CASE SCENARIO!!

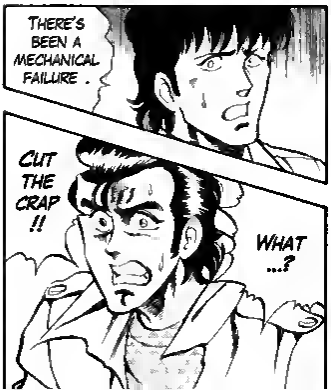
NO, THE WORST CASE SCENARIO.
WOULD BE IF THEY SAVE TACHIBANA KOJIRO'S LIFE
NOT ONLY DO WE NOT GET THE ORGANS
BUT TACHIBANA COULD REPORT US TO THE AUTHORITIES!
CALL FOR BACKUP! WE'RE GONNA NEED MORE MEN!
AND ALSO
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
K. KIYOFUMI!!
WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOUR FATHER NEEDED YOU..?
D... DAD!!
SO IS IT TRUE?
HE TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF WITH POISON!!

WE'VE DONE WHAT WE CAN!
HE'LL BE ON A RESPIRATOR UNTIL HIS SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATION RETURNS!
IS MY DAD GONNA LIVE!? HEY!
SO...
PREP THE RESPIRATOR!!
AL-RIGHT!
WHAT'S THE CHANCE HIS SPON-TANEOUS RESPIRA-TION WILL RETURN!?
PROB-ABLY... FIFTY-FIFTY...
DAD!!
N-NO!!
DOCTOR, WE HAVE TROU-BLE!!
THE TIMER ON THE RESPIRA-TOR...!!
THAT'S TOO IRRES-PONSIBLE!!
THAT'S NOT FAIR! YOU CAN'T JUST SKIP OUT OF YOUR LIFE AND LEAVE ALL THIS DEBT BEHIND...
NO VISI-TORS
YOU MORON!!





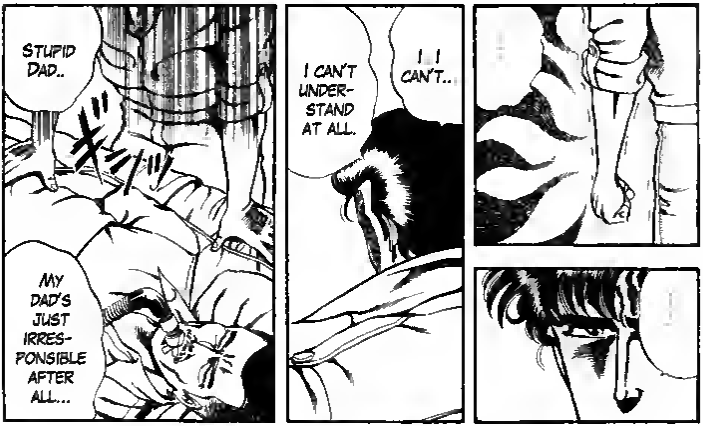
Respirator…
A long-term artificial respiration device used to resuscitate patients. Most often it operates automatically, powered by an electric motor or compressed gas.



ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL MY DAD!?
A MECHANICAL FAILURE!?
I THOUGHT THIS WAS A HOSPITAL!!
YOU HAVE TO SAVE HIM!!
OTHER-WISE I'LL SUE YOU!!
W...WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING...!?
!!
COME WITH ME!!
TAKE A CLOSE LOOK!
I'M NOT A KITTEN!!
LET ME GO!!

D-DAD ...!!
THAT HE MADE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL.
HE WANTED MONEY SO BADLY...
YOUR FATHER WAS NOT IRRESPON-SIBLE.
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
H-HIS ORGANS ...!?
. . . . . !?
HIS ORGANS FOR MONEY
HE WAS GOING TO SELL

HE WAS EVEN READY TO SELL HIS OWN ORGANS TO EARN MONEY...
CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THAT!?
EVEN IN DEATH, HE WAS THINKING OF HIS FAMILY...


STUPID DAD..
MY DAD'S JUST IRRES-PONSIBLE AFTER ALL...
I CAN'T UNDER-STAND AT ALL.
I..I CAN'T..

IF I USED THAT MONEY TO BUY MYSELF A SPORTS CAR..
I WOULD REALLY BE A STUPID, WORTHLESS SON.
WOULD REALLY MAKE US HAPPY?
DID HE THINK THAT MONEY THAT MONEY HE GOT FROM SELLING HIS ORGANS...

I JUST WANT MY DAD TO LIVE!
HE ALWAYS MADE DECISIONS ON HIS OWN
THAT'S WHY HIS COMPANY WENT BANKRUPT IN THE FIRST PLACE!
I JUST... I JUST...
I DON'T CARE IF HE HAS DEBTS
HUH!?
THERE'S ONE WAY WE CAN SAVE HIM.
I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT MEDI-CINE...
I HAVE TO SAVE HIM!? BUT...
YOU HAVE TO SAVE HIM.
BUT THEY SAID THERE'S A MECHANI-CAL FAIL-URE...
IN OTHER WORDS... THE AUTOMATIC DEVICE MAY BE BROKEN.
YES, THERE'S A MECHANICAL FAILURE, BUT IT'S JUST THE RESPIRATOR'S POWER SOURCE THAT'S BROKEN.

PUSH THIS BAG,
AND KEEP DELIVERING HIM OXYGEN!!
BUT IT CAN BE OPERATED MANUALLY!
!!
SO IT'S A TIRING TASK THAT WOULD EXHAUST AN ORDINARY PERSON IN FIVE MINUTES!
IT REQUIRES A CONSIDERABLE GRIP TO OPERATE..
BUT FOR HOW LONG!?
PUSH THIS...?
UNTIL HE RECOVERS HIS SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATION!!
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE HIM!!
BUT.. IF YOU TRULY CARE FOR YOUR FATHER...

KEEP DELIVERING HIM OXYGEN WITHOUT REST!!
FIFTEEN TIMES A MINUTE!!
I'LL KEEP PRESSING IT FOR AN HOUR... OR A WHOLE DAY, IF I HAVE TO!!
IF IT'LL SAVE MY FATHER, I'LL DO IT!
A- ALRIGHT !!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
ス ー
ぎゅっ
HUFF

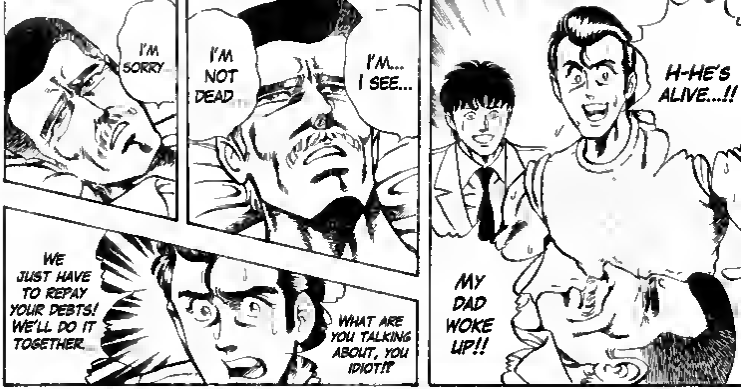
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I'VE LOST ALL SENSATION IN IT...
MY HAND... MY ARM... IT'S ABOUT TO BURST...
HAAAH!
THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO MY DAD'S SUFFERING ...!!
B-BUT...

ガチャッ
!!
!
.
YOUR SON...
IS STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT.

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE STUCK YOUR NOSE WHERE IT DOESN'T BELONG...
THIS IS REALLY BAD FOR US, YOU KNOW.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE CAUGHT WIND OF US.
SO IT WAS YOU, AFTER ALL...

CONSIDERING YOUR MASSIVE FRAME
I'M SURE THEY'LL BE HIGHLY USEFUL!!
AND WHY DON'T WE HARVEST YOUR ORGANS WHILE WE'RE AT IT?
SO I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU DIE NOW!
WAS ME!!
THE ONE WHO BROKE THE HOSPITAL'S RESPIRATOR
WHY DON'T I TELL YOU ONE MORE THING BEFORE WE SEND YOU TO HELL!?
NOW YOU'VE REALLY ANGERED ME.

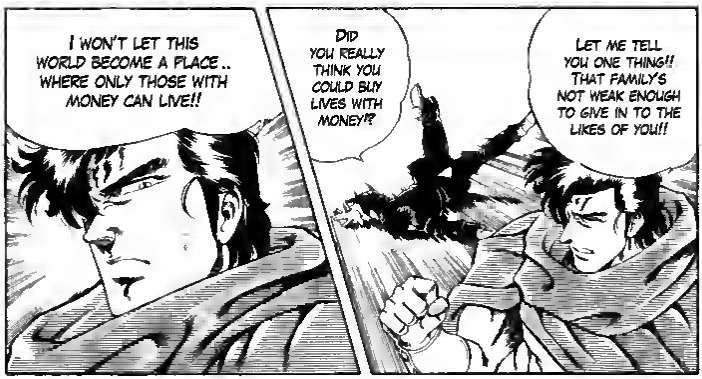
YOU'RE NOT EVEN WORTH LIVING...
YOU MITES!!
GHYAAH...
D-DAD ...!!
GGH
HYAHAHAHA! GET HIM!! KILL HIM!!


I'M SORRY
I'M NOT DEAD
I'M... I SEE...
H-HE'S ALIVE...!!
MY DAD WOKE UP!!
WE JUST HAVE TO REPAY YOUR DEBTS! WE'LL DO IT TOGETHER.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU IDIOT!?

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
EVEN IF IT TAKES A LIFETIME!!

ARRR GGHH HH...
HEY!! GET HIM NOW !!
T-THIS IS INSANE... HE TOOK ON ALL THESE PEOPLE...
チャ!!

LET'S TALK THIS OVER!! I THINK WE CAN COME TO AN AGREEMENT...
AIIEEE... WAIT... PLEASE, WAIT!!
LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN HANDLE EVEN A TENTH OF THE SUFFERING...
THAT FAMILY HAD TO FACE!!


I WON'T LET THIS WORLD BECOME A PLACE.. WHERE ONLY THOSE WITH MONEY CAN LIVE!!
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD BUY LIVES WITH MONEY!?
LET ME TELL YOU ONE THING!! THAT FAMILY'S NOT WEAK ENOUGH TO GIVE IN TO THE LIKES OF YOU!!

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THE YOMISUTE SHIMBUN
TACHIBANA LTD. TO BE REBUILT
THE HEIR KIYOFUMI IS APPOINTED AS THE NEW CHAIRMAN
MR. TACHIBANA KIYOFUMI

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あした天気になあれ ①〜㊵ 以下続刊 ちばてつや
痛快ゴルフ漫画!!
面白さバーディー・ラノンユー

あいつとララバイ ①〜㉞ 以下続刊 楠みちはる
ノンパリボーイと、さわやかギャルのときめきラブ

コータローまかりとおる! ①〜㉚ 以下続刊 蛭田達也
世の中平和じゃおもろない。騒動師コータロー痛快大あばれ

バリバリ伝説 ①〜㉕ 以下続刊 しげの秀一
ハイクを駆って青春を疾駆するグンに熱き共感の嵐。

ミスター味っ子 ①〜⑪ 以下続刊 寺沢大介
人気TV放映中。味っ子、陽一が最高の味に挑戦!

オフサイド ①〜⑨ 以下続刊 堀内真人
ゴールはオレかーる! サッカーこそ力郎の青春だ!

THE STAR ①〜⑧ 以下続刊 島崎譲
(原案/藤本ひとみ)
優也よ、時を駆けぬけろ! スター誕生感動ロマン。

NON STOP! 恭兵 ①〜⑦ 以下続刊 橋本きんいち
極悪コンビ、恭兵と英郎の出現に学園は風雲の嵐!

おがみ松吾郎 ①〜⑦ 以下続刊 伊藤実
弱きを助け、強きをくじく男松吾郎! 硬派学園浪漫。

ブレイクショット ①〜⑦ 以下続刊 前川たけし
ビリヤードの天才、織田信介。めざすはチャンプだぜ!

名門! 第三野球部 ①〜⑤ 以下続刊 むっ利之
ボクたちは野球部の二軍。でもヤル気いっぱいだぞ!

スーパードクターK ①〜③ 以下続刊 真船一雄
神業のメスをふるう男、その名はK! ヤングドクター医子伝説。

SHOGUN ①〜② 以下続刊 原作/史村翔 漫画/所十三
人将 晋作 夢はデカイゼ! 現代美雄誕生ロマン!!

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いけないDAY DREAM ①～ 以下続刊 中西やすひろ
毎日が刺激的!? ウブな優里のあぶないヒ・ミ・ツ!!

拳！天使 ①～ 以下続刊 門松巧大
凡気はつつつ少女桃衣。想に拳よに、生懸命ナノダ!!

絶賛完結シリーズ

バツ&テリー 全24巻 大島やすいち
痛快、青春まっしぐら！ 我らがイキイキバッテリー。

天オバカボン 全16巻 赤塚不二夫
バカボン一家がまきおこす、ハチャメチャ珍騒動!!

100万$キッズ 全9巻 石垣ゆうき 原案／宮崎まさる
ポーカー勝負ならおまかせを。夢はドでかく世界一!!

仰げば尊し！ 全6巻 所十三
聖やぶり教師、日向人！ めざすは甲子園出場だぜい！

胸キュン刑事 全6巻 遠山光
皇くるみは女刑事。超能力で胸キュンで事件解決よ！

名探偵Mr.カタギリ 全5巻 宇野比呂士 原案／鎌田東二郎
どんな難事件も、片桐が出動すればバッチン解決！

チェンジ 全5巻 小山ゆう
タイムリミットは49日間。甲子園をめざす星の運命は!?

一撃拳 全4巻 大島やすいち
太輪寺拳法がうなる！ 噂のあいつ、一撃、入あばれ！

ホワイトアルバム 全2巻 安達哲
真っ白なアルバムを彩る、切なくも甘い高校生恋愛像！

やってらんねえや 全1巻 伊藤実
「おがみ松告郎」のノリで描く痛快傑作短編集。

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極道くん 全14巻 水島新司
さあ、極道野球はハンパじゃねえぜ。汗と涙の熱戦編。

シグナルブルー 全2巻 森川ジョージ
ホールを狙えアキラー 敏走 本格F1レーストラマ!!

美由紀におまかせ! 全2巻 中西やすひろ
お色気満点!! 美由紀は温泉旅館一日娘の若女将なの。

B.C.トライアングル 全3巻 中西やすひろ
ワルガキ・テツが大活躍! 原始はつらつラブコメ。

くらくらパラダイス 全2巻 中西やすひろ
まりん相手に恋のカウンセリングの来人くん。さて!!

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